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THE HISTORY OF  
ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH

READING, PENNSYLVANIA

1884-1909



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TO THE MEMORY  
OF THE FIRST PASTOR  
AND  
THE DEPARTED MEMBERS  
OF THE CONGREGATION  
THIS VOLUME IS  
RESPECTFULLY  
DEDICATED.





## PREFACE

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At a special meeting of the consistory November 11, 1908, the pastor was instructed to prepare a history of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, covering the first twenty-five years of its existence, closing March 16, 1909. Some time after the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary we set to work upon the task, contemplating the compilation of a volume of about three hundred pages, to be completed some time during this year.

As we proceeded with our work it became exceedingly fascinating, and the material began to accumulate to such an extent that we felt the need of condensation. In spite of our efforts in this direction the work went far beyond the proportions originally contemplated. If we could rewrite the volume, we should no doubt make some omissions and apply the process of condensation still more strictly. A large part of the book was in type before we realized how far we were going beyond the original plan, and it was too late to make such omissions as might

not have destroyed the completeness of the book, nor did we wish to cut out too much of the material in the latter half of the book for fear we should not do justice to the organizations that have done so much for the welfare of the congregation and have been so large a part of its life. Though the book may be more bulky than is deemed necessary for the chronicling of the history of so young a congregation, we hope it has the virtue of symmetry and fairness, doing justice to all that are concerned.

Although the time and labor bestowed upon the book deprived us of some of our recreation and interfered somewhat with our pastoral duties, we rejoice that we could complete our task, which has proven a labor of love, and we hope the perusal of the book by the members of the congregation will in part compensate them for any apparent neglect on our part, and will bind pastor and people still more closely together.

We believe that this volume will become more and more valuable as the years go by, and that it will be read with fascinating interest by both young and old. The younger members ought to be deeply interested in the early struggles of the congregation, and the work that was

done by the faithful pastor and people who bore the burden and heat of the day when foundations were laid and when sacrifices were made. Many of these earnest workers have gone with their pastor to their eternal reward. The older members ought to rejoice as they observe the progress that has been made during the brief history of the congregation and the great work that has been here accomplished.

The perusal of a history like this will convince any one that missions pay. When the first pastor began his labors, he received three hundred dollars a year toward his salary from the Home Mission Board. In six years the congregation became self-supporting. The investment of the Home Mission Board was considerably less than two thousand dollars, and the amount contributed for benevolence alone by the congregation during the first twenty-five years of its history is fourteen thousand dollars, which is a fair return on the investment.

We were fortunate in finding some material bearing upon the preliminary history, for which we are indebted to a report written by Mr. Jacob B. Fricker. The minutes of the consistory have been very carefully kept and reflect credit

upon the faithful secretaries who had them in charge. We regret that we cannot say the same of the secretaries of some of the other organizations. The early Sunday School records are lost, and a great deal of valuable information could not be obtained through this carelessness. The early minutes of the Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavor Society were not available, and the reports of these organizations are not as complete as we should like them to be.

We took great pains to have all the dates and figures absolutely correct, and followed carefully all the records available. We believe that the statements in the book are all reliable and may be depended upon by future historians. We noticed a few typographical errors after the matter was printed, but these are readily detected and do not affect the value of the contents.

We beg to acknowledge our indebtedness to the present secretaries of the congregation, the Sunday School and the other organizations of the church; to Mrs. C. S. Gerhard for papers, photographs and information furnished; to William J. Lowe for the loan of photographs and other help rendered; to Rev. Andrew H.

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READING, PENNSYLVANIA,

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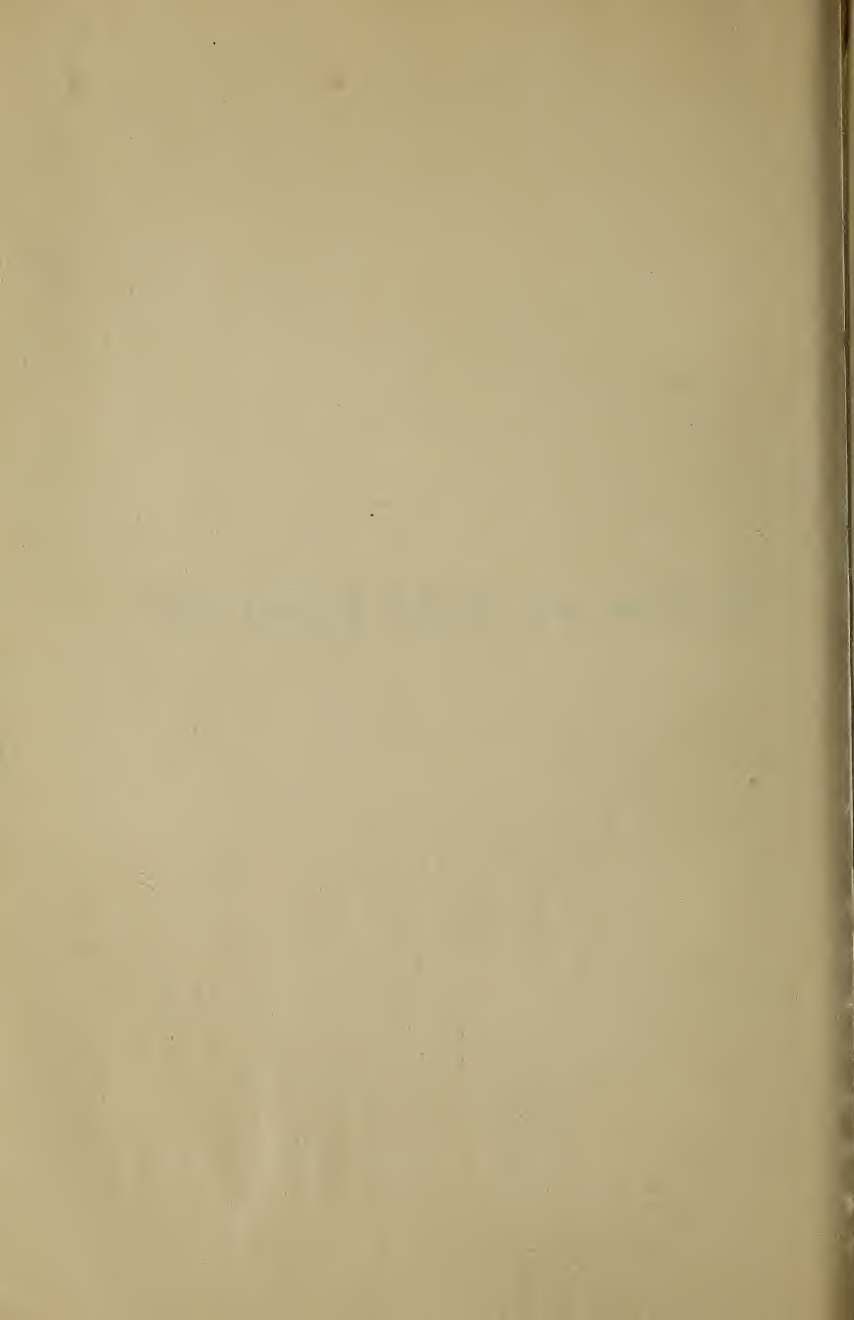
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# The History of St. Stephen's Reformed Church

## CHAPTER I

### PRELIMINARY HISTORY



VERY organization has a preliminary history, a period of preparation, which is often hidden in obscurity and difficult of clear and definite recital. Such a period of preparation, of rather long duration, preceded the organization of St. Stephen's Reformed congregation. It had its real origin in one of the earliest Reformed mission Sunday schools in Reading, which was organized in 1864 and was known as Emanuel's Sunday School.

Its first home was the old one-story public school house on the northwest corner of Tenth and Washington streets, where its sessions were held for a number of years with Mr. John N. Bowman as Superintendent. After the erection of a small frame chapel on Tenth street, between Washington and Walnut streets, the school took up its abode there, and was for some time con-

ducted as a German and English Sunday school with Mr. Martin Goodhart as Superintendent. The German portion of the school was turned over to the German congregation and afterward discontinued. The English portion of the school was continued as Emanuel's Sunday school and, after the sale of the chapel property, was transferred to the public school building on Tenth street, between Washington and Walnut streets, where it continued until December 23, 1883, when it was removed to the newly-erected church building on the southwest corner of Ninth and Greenwich streets and reorganized as St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School. In addition to the two mentioned above, Emanuel's Sunday School had the following Superintendents during its history of nineteen years: Jonathan Dorwart, John W. Rauch, Jefferson Snyder, esq., John C. Hoffeditz, Dr. J. G. Grosscup and Thos. D. Bausher.

We regret that we cannot follow in detail the history of Emanuel's Sunday School during the first fifteen years of its history, when it had a somewhat checkered career, but in the fall of 1879 a movement was set on foot which materially affected its future history and kept it

alive until it found a permanent home and field of labor. A committee was appointed by the Reformed Sunday School Association, September 14, 1879, "to present a plan or system as to the best way to reach the neglected children of our city." The committee acted promptly, and in a few days had prepared its report, which will be given in full in the chapter on the Sunday school, where it more properly belongs. This committee recommended the division of the city into four districts, each of which was to be under the supervision of one of the four Reformed churches in the city. St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church was given jurisdiction over Emanuel's Sunday School and the north-eastern district, which included the section of the city north of Penn street and east of Seventh street. Under the fostering care of its spiritual mother the small Sunday school began to flourish, and in due time became one of the leading Sunday schools of the city.

In accordance with a previous understanding between the pastors of the Reformed congregations in the city a meeting was held in the office of Daniel Miller on May 11, 1882, attended by the following representatives of

these congregations, who had been delegated by their respective pastors : First Reformed Church, Daniel Dillon and Aaron Leas ; Second Reformed Church, James T. Reber and Jacob H. Stein ; St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, Daniel Miller and Jacob B. Fricker ; St. John's Reformed Church, Solomon Hartman and H. Minker. Zion's Reformed congregation (German), which was engaged in organizing a congregation and in securing a building of its own, was excused from taking part in the proposed enterprise.

The above committee organized by unanimously electing James T. Reber as president and Jacob B. Fricker as secretary. At a subsequent meeting Jacob H. Stein was elected treasurer. The object of the meeting was then stated, namely, to consider the purchase of a lot and the erection of a suitable building which might be the home of a new Reformed congregation to be organized some time in the future. Before adjournment the members of the committee were instructed to ascertain the prices of lots which in their estimation would be suitable locations for the erection of a church. In less than a week the committee reconvened and vari-



ous locations were reported on by members of the committee. The report which seemed most acceptable was that made by Mr. Fricker, who said he had previously been offered the lot on the southwest corner of Ninth and Greenwich streets, and had thought of buying it for himself. Although he had secured the refusal of the same for himself, he said he was willing to hand the bargain over to the committee for church purposes if they thought the lot a desirable one.

The offer was accepted and the lot, 77 by 110 feet, was purchased for \$3600. The president appointed Jacob B. Fricker and Jacob H. Stein a committee to have a proper deed made, Daniel Miller a committee to secure a loan, and Jacob H. Stein a trustee to hold the property and to give a suitable mortgage on the same. The lot being larger than necessary, in the estimation of the committee, a portion on Ninth street, 16 by 80 feet, was sold for \$600.\* A mortgage for \$3000 was placed upon the property with interest at five per cent.

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\* This lot, with improvements, was repurchased by the congregation in 1897 for \$2900.

At the subsequent meetings of the committee some or all of the pastors, Drs. B. Bausman, C. F. McCauley, H. Mosser, J. W. Steinmetz and L. K. Derr, were in attendance. Mr. Fricker was appointed to ascertain the cost of a substantial brick building, about 35 by 60 feet in size. At a meeting of the committee held May 22, 1883, it was decided that the name of the new church should be St. Stephen's Reformed Church of the City of Reading, and that a subscription fund should be immediately begun for the purpose of building a suitable church. The following committee was appointed to solicit funds for the purpose: James T. Reber, Jacob H. Stein, Daniel Miller, Joseph A. Leinbach, Daniel S. Klein and Jacob B. Fricker. Messrs. James T. Reber, Jacob B. Fricker, Solomon Hartman and Aaron Leas were appointed a building committee to supervise the erection of the new church. Plans for the church were submitted from time to time, and on July 30, 1883, the building committee was instructed to make a contract with Mr. William R. Shatell to begin at once the construction of a building 35 by 70 feet with the understand-



ing that the same be completed not later than November 1, 1883, at a cost of \$2580.

The corner stone was laid on Sunday afternoon, September 2, 1883. The service, which was largely attended, was opened with the singing of Psalm 118, third part. Dr. B. Bausman conducted the opening service and offered "the corner-stone prayer." Dr. C. F. McCauley laid the corner-stone, into which the following articles were placed: The Holy Bible, a Hymn Book, a Heidelberg Catechism, a copy each of "The Reformed Church Messenger," "The Christian World," "Die Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," "Der Reformirte Hausfreund," and a brief historical sketch of the church to date. Dr. H. Mosser delivered an address. Dr. L. K. Derr announced the closing hymns and pronounced the benediction.

While the building was being erected, the friends of the enterprise sought a minister who should take charge of the interest and become the pastor of the congregation which was to be organized. The Rev. C. S. Gerhard, then pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Columbia, Pa., was chosen and entered upon the work November 1, 1883. The Reformed churches of Read-

ing erected the building and promised to raise the larger portion of the pastor's salary until the congregation should be able to assume the obligation. An appropriation of \$300 per annum was voted by the Home Mission Board to help pay the pastor's salary. The following item from the report of the Rev. Theodore Appel, who was then Superintendent of Home Missions, will be of interest:

"For some time past a movement has been on foot to establish an English mission in the northern part of the city of Reading, which move has the prospect of being successful. The members of the Reformed churches in the city purchased the ground for a church, and on the first Sunday in September the corner stone of the new building was laid. The building is to be of brick, 35 by 75 feet, and is to be handsomely arranged in the interior. All the expenses are to be paid by the Reading churches. The Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard has been commissioned to take charge of this new interest, and, Providence permitting, will enter upon this new field of labor about the beginning of November. There is room for more Reformed churches in Reading, as her population is increasing rapidly, and Reformed people are constantly moving into the city from the country. With Mr. Gerhard's pastoral experience and ability as a preacher it will not be long, it is believed, before this new movement results in a flourishing and useful church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The larger portion of the salary needed for the support of the pastor will be raised by the Reading churches."

The new church was dedicated with appropriate services on Sunday afternoon, December

30, 1883. The services were attended by members of the Reformed churches in Reading and other persons residing in the neighborhood. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, and Rev. C. F. McCauley, D. D., pastor of the Second Reformed Church. Among the other ministers present at the service were Revs. H. Mosser, D. D., J. W. Steinmetz, D. D., L. K. Derr, D. D., F. W. Dechant, C. W. Levan, and the pastor, C. S. Gerhard. The choir of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church sang "Shout the Glad Tidings." Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D. D., pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, read the Scripture lesson and offered the prayer. Rev. C. F. McCauley, D. D., delivered a brief address, in which he referred to the Sunday School out of which the new church grew, and expressed the hope that St. Stephen's would become a blessing to the community. Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., spoke of the significance of the church, dedicated to holy uses, where we can come from the cares and trials of life to meet our Maker. He expressed the belief that St. Stephen's Church was a symbol of the unity of the Reformed people of Reading.

After remarks by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, who thanked the people of Reading for their generous contributions to the church, the dedicatory service was held, closing with the "Gloria in Excelsis" and the benediction.

On December 23, 1883, the Sunday preceding the dedication, Emanuel's Sunday School was transferred to the new church and reorganized as St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School, with Thomas D. Bausher as Superintendent and Daniel S. Klein as Assistant Superintendent. The Sunday school marched down from the public school building on Tenth street, with Rev. C. S. Gerhard, T. D. Bausher, Milton J. Coller and Andrew H. Smith heading the procession, followed by the other fifty-four men, women and children, who composed the sixty charter members with which St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School was organized.

The new church contained seats for about four hundred persons. It was a modest brick building without a tower or vestibule, but it was dear to the hearts of the devout worshipers who gathered there to form the nucleus of St. Stephen's Reformed congregation.



The first regular service was held in the church on Sunday evening, December 30, 1883, when Rev. C. S. Gerhard preached his first sermon in the new edifice. His text was Psalm 90: 12, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Among other things he said:

"Under one view it may seem that as a church and congregation we are to-day making an absolutely new beginning. And yet this is not really the case. This new movement has lived for years in the hopes and prayers of the Reformed people of Reading. This church is the monument of their liberality, their church enterprise, and their love for the cause of Christ. May none of their expectations be disappointed. On the other hand, may their fondest hopes all be realized."

After this Rev. Mr. Gerhard conducted services regularly in the new church, and engaged in missionary work with a view of organizing a congregation as soon as possible. For several months a German sermon was preached every other Sunday morning, but the experiment revealed the fact that German was not required, and its use was discontinued and the congregation was organized on an English basis.

The building committee made their final report on March 4, 1884, in which they explained some of the changes which had been made in

the original plans. The cost of the completed building, as altered, was \$2901.87. In addition to this \$769.27 was spent for furnishings and miscellaneous work, making the total cost \$3671.14. In concluding its report the committee says, "We have not done as well as we would have liked to do, but did what we could, and now hope and trust the building will stand many years, and that it may be the means of bringing many souls nearer to our blessed Master."





THE OLD CHURCH.



## CHAPTER II

### THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONGREGATION



T. STEPHEN'S Reformed congregation was organized on Sunday, March 16, 1884, with fifty-seven charter members. It was the sixth Reformed congregation in Reading. The following is a list of the charter members, all received by certificate of dismissal, given in the order in which they were recorded in the original church register :

Mrs. Jennie Hertz, Mrs. Amanda H. Kinsey, Milton J. Coller, Hettie Kline, Frank M. Lash, Daniel S. Klein, Mrs. Mary A. Klein, George Rocktashel, Mrs. Ida C. Rocktashel, Charles B. Mull, Mrs. Ellen A. Mull, Jacob Timey, Mrs. Clara J. Timey, J. Fred. Gerhard, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard, Mrs. Amanda Lerch, Mrs. Ellen M. Sollenberger, Mrs. Ellen Bower, Daniel Bucher, Susan Bucher, Mary Bucher, Annie Bucher, G. Frank Bard, Mrs. Annie C. Bard, Mrs. Mary Bucher, Edwin C. Gerhard, Mary E. Gerhard, Levi M. Marks, Mrs. Elizabeth Marks, Mrs. Margaret Breneiser, Abraham Eisenberger, Mrs. Elmina Eisenberger, Rosa Greenwald, Emma Greenwald, Sylvester Greenwald, Henry Y. Rhoads, Mrs. Mary R. Rhoads, Mrs. Catharine Seyfert, Edwin Fisher, Jacob Zechman, Josephine Fasig, George Noll, Alfred M. Ruth, Mrs. Louisa S. Ruth, Elmer S. Ruth, Charles J. Ruth, Bernard Mengel, Daniel C. Roth, Mrs. Frances S. Roth, Mrs. Anna M. Burkert, Mrs. Emma Woodworth, Mrs. Susan Getrost,

Alexander Schlottman, Mrs. Catharine Schlottman, Samuel Palm, Mrs. Emma M. Palm, Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard.

Seventeen of these original members were on our church roll at the time of our twenty-fifth anniversary, March 16, 1909, namely :

Mrs. Jennie Hertz, Mrs. Amanda H. Kinsey, Mrs. Het-tie Rohrbach (nee Kline), Mrs. Mary A. Klein, J. Fred. Gerhard, Mrs. Amanda Lerch, Mary Bucher, Mary E. Gerhard, Abraham Eisenberger, Mrs. Rosa Frantz, Charles J. Ruth, Daniel C. Roth, Alexander Schlottman, Mrs. Catharine Schlottman, Samuel Palm, Mrs. Emma Palm, and Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard.

The first one to be received by confirmation was Mr. Calvin Deininger, who was confirmed on his sick bed, March 15, 1884, the day before the congregation was organized, and passed away the following day, when the organization of the congregation was effected. During the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation, which was also the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Deininger's departure from this world, his daughters, Florence and Edith Deininger, placed a magnificent bouquet of cut flowers upon the altar to his memory.

The first meeting of the newly organized congregation was held in the church, March 16, 1884, with Rev. C. S. Gerhard presiding, for the purpose of nominating and electing the

officers of the congregation. Daniel S. Klein was secretary *pro tem*. The nominating committee consisted of Frank M. Lash and Edwin C. Gerhart, who presented the following candidates: Elders, Daniel Bucher and Daniel S. Klein; deacons, Milton J. Collier and G. Frank Bard. These men were unanimously elected by acclamation to the respective offices. At a special meeting of the congregation held July 13, 1884, Samuel Palm was elected by acclamation as an additional deacon.

The consistory organized March 24, 1884, by electing Daniel S. Klein as secretary and Milton J. Collier as treasurer. The sexton's salary was fixed at \$1.50 per week. On April 6th Miss Sallie Westley was elected organist of the congregation and Sunday school at a salary of fifty dollars a year, and Lemon H. Hertz was elected sexton. The latter position had been temporarily filled by J. L. Smith, who resigned March 30, 1884.

Thus equipped the young congregation entered upon its promising career, and from these small beginnings wonderful results have been achieved, so that at the end of twenty-five years

the congregation numbered 1160 members and the Sunday school 1285 members.

Surely the Stephen-like faith of the founders of the congregation was justified, and the Holy Spirit, who inspired Dr. Bausman and the Reformed people of Reading to conceive the project and the sainted pastor of this congregation to undertake the work, accompanied it with His sanctifying presence and brought it to its present attainments, more than realizing the fondest hopes of its progenitors.

On April 6, 1884, the consistory ordered that the money for the support of the pastor be paid monthly, and the envelope system was adopted for receiving these contributions.

The first communion was celebrated on Easter, April 11, 1884, when, according to the church register, seventy-nine members communed.

At this time the following persons were received by confirmation, sixteen in number :

John O. Glase, Mrs. Catharine E. Noll, Mary Roth, Lizzie C. Roye, Rosa A. Smeck, Adaline Zechman, Mary B. Keller, Samuel B. Keller, William Sollenberger, Lemon H. Hertz, Charles W. Wanner, Oliver J. Wanner, Amos M. Woodworth, George A. Ruth, J. Wilson Klein and G. Calvin Klein.



The following eight persons were at the same service received by certificate of dismissal :

Mrs. Susan Herbein, Edwin B. Titlow, Mrs. Mary N. Titlow, Mrs. Amanda M. P. Kissinger, James McGuigen, Mrs. Mary McGuigen, Lizzie McGuigen and Mrs. Alice M. Glase.

This made the total membership at the first communion service eighty-one.

On Whit-Sunday, June 1, 1884, twelve additional names were enrolled, all of whom were received by certificate of dismissal, namely :

Susan S. Greenwald, Emma C. Reiss, Mrs. Loretta Deininger, Edmund R. Millard, Mrs. Mary E. Millard, Thomas Laing, Mrs. Josephine Laing, F. Roger Moyer, Mrs. Mary Trout, John B. Herbein, Mrs. Martha C. Herbein and Isaac Barto.

In his first report to Schuylkill Classis, June 11, 1884, the pastor said : "Our progress thus far has been unusually satisfactory and encouraging in every respect." He reported ninety-three communicant members of the congregation and two hundred and thirty members of the Sunday school, six infant baptisms, sixteen received by confirmation, seventy-seven received by certificate, ninety communed, one death, and \$9.00 contributed for benevolence. The consistory had elected Daniel Bucher dele-

gate *primarius* and Daniel S. Klein delegate *secundus* to this meeting of Classis.

At the fall communion, September 28, 1884, the following twelve new members were received by certificate:

Peter S. Fisher, Mrs. Louisa E. Fisher, Ida B. Stauffer, William H. Tragle, Mrs. Emma F. Tragle, Albert L. Bickel, Mrs. Kate L. Bickel, Minnie I. Bickel, Frank C. Hull, Mrs. Lizzie M. Hull, Edward Dunkelberger and Mrs. Caroline B. Dunkelberger.

On New Year evening, January 1, 1885, a meeting was held at the pastor's residence for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Aid Society. Twenty-one persons were in attendance, and it was decided to call the organization "St. Stephen's Aid Society," that it meet every other Tuesday evening, and that the initiation fee be ten cents and the dues five cents a meeting. At the next meeting, held January 6, 1885, eight new members were elected, making the membership twenty-nine. An election for officers was held, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Kate L. Bickel; Vice President, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard; Secretary, Mary Roth; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Klein. The receipts for the evening were \$2.90.

This society, whose complete history will be found in another chapter of this book, has had an unbroken and successful history from the evening of its organization to the present time, and has been a great help to the congregation in many ways. In addition to raising almost \$8,000 it has sent flowers to the sick, has made a very large number of social calls and visits to the sick, and has aided and comforted the poor. Providence permitting, its twenty-fifth anniversary will be celebrated with special services on Sunday evening, January 2, 1910.

At the fourth communion of the first year in the history of the young congregation, January 11, 1885, eleven additional members were received by certificate, as follows :

Lewis Sebastian Levan, Agnes Levan, Rose Albright, Mrs. Mary Neiman, Mrs. Mary Kinch, Mrs. Emma Fleckenstein, Edward F. Yeich, William Grant Yeich, Mrs. Mary Greth, Isaac H. Gerhard and Mrs. Kate S. Gerhard.

The first annual meeting of the congregation was held on Wednesday evening, January 14, 1885, when the following members of the consistory were re-elected : Elders, Daniel Bucher and Daniel S. Klein ; Deacons, Milton J. Collier and Samuel Palm. The treasurer's report was read, as follows : Envelope contributions,

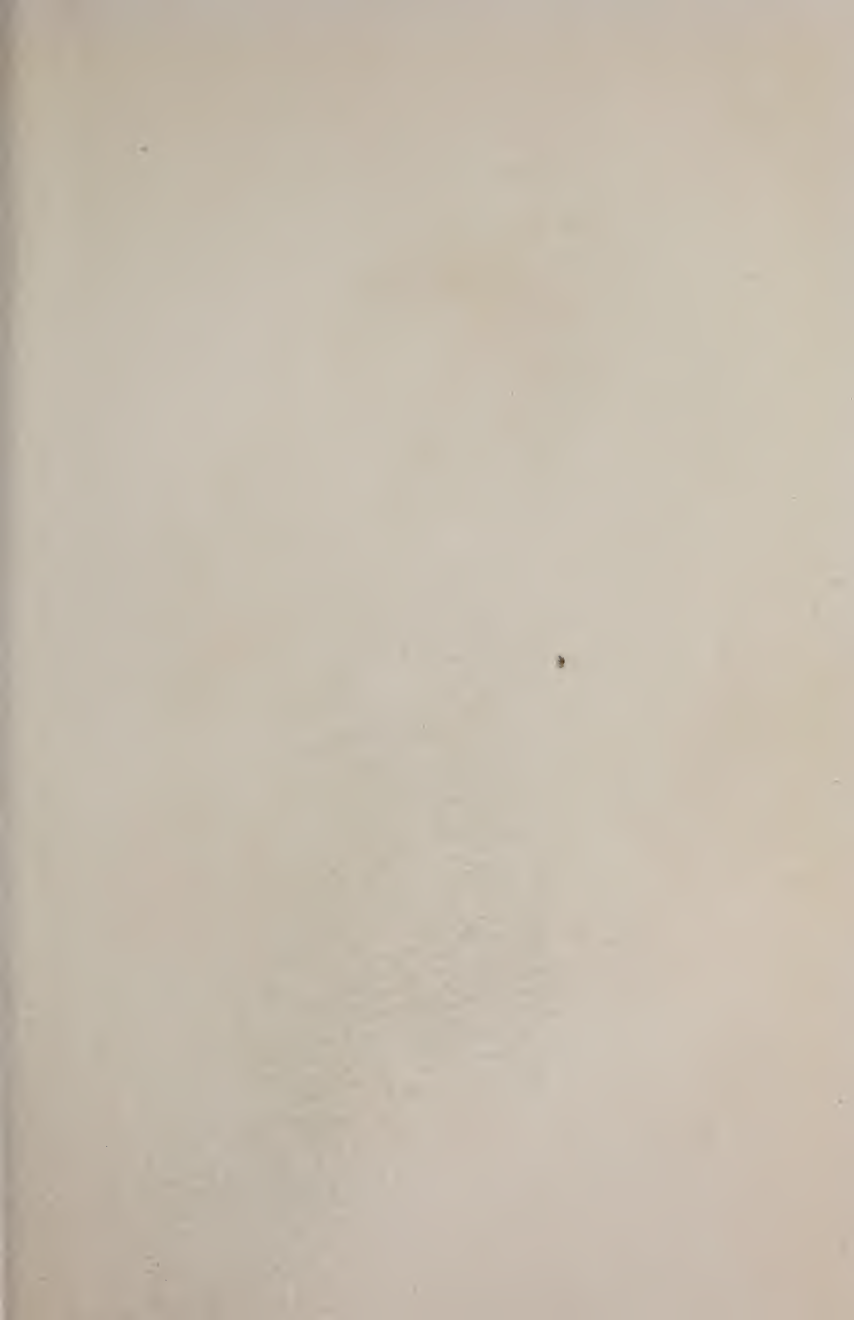
\$117.05 ; regular and special collections, \$169.-95 ; total receipts, \$287.00. Paid to Rev. C. S. Gerhard, \$117.05 ; sundry expenditures, \$166.-83 ; total expenditures, \$283.88. Balance on hand, \$3.12.

The first anniversary of the congregation was celebrated on Sunday, March 15, 1885. The total membership of the congregation was one hundred and sixteen, which was more than double the original membership, and the Sunday school had an enrollment of three hundred and seven. The pastor preached a special anniversary sermon based on 1 Samuel 7 : 12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We quote the following paragraph from the interesting sermon :

"This first year has been in all respects a prosperous and happy year. Our affairs have been moving forward so steadily and regularly that we almost forget that we are not an old-established congregation. There have not even been any cases of prolonged illness among our members, no fatal accidents, not a single death in the congregation, and only one in the Sunday school."

The first year of the mission congregation closed very auspiciously. It was now well organized, and gave promise of steady growth, healthful life and a prosperous future.





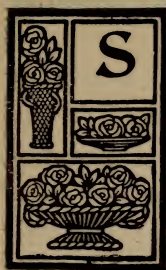


EAKWRIGHT PHILA.

C. S. Gerhard

## CHAPTER III

### THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONGREGATION



T. STEPHEN'S Reformed congregation was a healthy and robust child from the very beginning, and made steady and rapid progress during the whole of its history. The section of the city in which it was established was built up rapidly, and many Reformed people came in from the country districts, furnishing abundant material to work upon and to mold into a homogeneous congregation. The Rev. Mr. Gerhard was an active pastor and took advantage of his opportunity, and at each anniversary of the congregation he had the satisfaction of seeing that the membership had materially increased and that the Sunday School was making rapid progress. These anniversary occasions, which were regularly celebrated, served as landmarks in the history of the congregation and afforded excellent opportunity for taking account of what had been accomplished.

On August 8, 1885, the consistory decided to build an addition to the church, consisting of

a vestibule five feet and two inches by twenty-one feet, with a steeple, and a class room seventeen feet and eight inches by twenty-one feet. The pastor was elected treasurer of the building fund.

These improvements were made at a cost of \$599.36, and the addition to the church was dedicated with appropriate services on Sunday afternoon, October 25, 1885. The sermon was preached by Dr. J. W. Steinmetz, and Drs. B. Bausman and L. K. Derr assisted the pastor in the services. After the bills for the addition to the church had all been paid, four dollars additional was contributed, which was used to lay a pavement in the yard.

In his third report to Schuylkill Classis, in 1886, when the congregation was a little more than two years old, the pastor stated that the membership was 183, and that of the Sunday School 350.

A missionary society was organized October 19, 1886, and by March 20, 1887, when the third anniversary of the congregation was celebrated, it had ninety-eight members.

At a special meeting of the congregation on December 5, 1886, the pastor called the atten-

tion of the members to the appearance of the interior of the church, whose walls had been left plain when the building was erected, and stated that it could be renovated at a cost not to exceed \$150. On motion the consistory was instructed to beautify the church as suggested. One end of the church was frescoed, the other end and sides were calcimined, and the ceiling was papered, at a total cost of \$129.11, and the appearance of the church was greatly enhanced.

At the consistory meeting on December 6, 1886, it was ordered that at the next annual congregational meeting three elders and three deacons be elected, one of each to serve respectively three years, two years, and one year. The meeting was held January 5, 1887, and the following persons were elected: Elders, Daniel S. Klein for three years, H. Y. Stoner for two years, Daniel Bucher for one year; Deacons, Milton J. Collier for three years, Samuel Palm for two years, Charles W. Wanner for one year.

Miss Mame Smith was elected organist of the congregation at a salary of sixty dollars a year, December 20, 1886. The first organist, Miss Sallie Westley, had resigned December 6, 1886. The sexton's salary was increased to



\$2.00 a week for six months in the year, but the remaining six months he was to receive only \$1.50, as before.

The consistory reorganized February 7, 1887, by electing H. Y. Stoner recording secretary, Daniel S. Klein financial secretary, and Milton J. Collier treasurer.

The charter for the congregation was read at a special meeting of the consistory, March 13, 1887, and signed by Daniel Bucher, Daniel S. Klein, Milton J. Collier, H. Y. Stoner, Charles W. Wanner and George H. Long. It was read to the congregation and adopted by it, March 20, 1887. The members of the consistory were elected trustees for the current year.

At a special meeting of the consistory held on Sunday, September 25, 1887, before the morning service, it was decided to make an effort to raise money to pay off the debt on the church lot, amounting to \$3,000. The pastor was elected financial secretary of the fund to be started for this purpose. He presented the project to his people in a special sermon preached at the morning service following the consistory meeting. He appealed to them to begin a sys-



tematic effort to meet this obligation. Among other things he said :

“Why should not 250 church members and as many more Sunday school scholars be able to get rid of a debt of \$3,000? If we go to work in the right way we can wipe it out in short order. About 450 years before Christ the city of Jerusalem was in a deplorable state. The greater part of its walls was in ruins, the gates were burned. Nehemiah heard of it. For three or four months he prayed to go there. At last he was sent by Artaxerxes as Governor of Judea. The walls were rebuilt in the incredibly short space of fifty-two days' time, with a comparatively small force of men. His success depended on three things: First—A resolute determination to rebuild at once all the wall that was torn down. Second—Co-operation. He made all to feel that it was a privilege and a duty. He got all to work. Third—Division of labor. Every one commenced at the breach nearest his house, and so the wall was rebuilt in fifty-two days.

“We do not want to build a wall, but tear one down. Such a debt at first seems like a stone wall. We cannot go over it, we cannot go around it. We must tear it down. And three things are necessary: First—A resolute determination that the whole shall be paid. Second—Co-operation. Third—Division of labor. Each one commence right where you are. If about 300 of us begin to batter at our stone wall of \$3,000 all at once, none of us need to remove a very large piece, and yet we can sweep away the entire amount.”

The following Easter, April 1, 1888, a special offering was taken for the payment of the interest on the church lot debt. It amounted to \$109.26. The interest being only \$82.50, the

balance of \$26.76 was applied to the payment of the debt, being added to the sinking fund which had been started for the purpose. From this time on the Easter offering became a special feature in the financial history of the congregation, and large offerings have been received in this way amounting to many thousands of dollars.

As a result of the above effort the consistory was enabled at a special meeting held August 24, 1888, to authorize the payment of \$1500 on the debt, renewing the balance of the loan at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum.

The janitor resigned December 5, 1887, and was succeeded by Isaac Gerhard, who was elected December 18, 1887, at a salary of \$8.00 per month, beginning with January 1, 1888.

At the regular meeting of the consistory held February 6, 1888, the pastor was granted a leave of absence for six months, beginning April 2, 1888. On April 3, 1888, he left New York City for a five months' tour in Europe, Egypt and Palestine. He visited many places of historical interest and of Scriptural renown, and returned home greatly benefitted by his trip and enthused by what he had seen and heard.

While in London he attended the meetings of the Alliance of Reformed Churches as a delegate of our denomination. During his absence the congregation was supplied by Mr. George B. Walbert, a student in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

The consistory planned for his reception upon his return by appointing a committee to make the necessary arrangements. This committee consisted of Elders Daniel Bucher, Daniel S. Klein and H. Y. Stoner, and Deacons Milton J. Coller, Samuel Palm and Charles W. Wanner, from the congregation ; T. D. Bausher, Mrs. Kate L. Bickel and Mary Roth, from the Sunday School ; Mrs. Loretta Deininger, Mrs. Mary A. Klein and Mrs. Alice M. Glase, from the Ladies' Aid Society ; and Andrew H. Smith, Mamie McGuigan and Lillie Schoenberger, from the Missionary Society. This committee elected Daniel S. Klein, president ; H. Y. Stoner, secretary ; and Samuel Palm, treasurer.

Rev. Mr. Gerhard returned home on September 2, 1888. He was met at New York by his brother, Rev. D. W. Gerhard, and Elder James T. Reber, and in Philadelphia by his whole consistory. The formal reception was

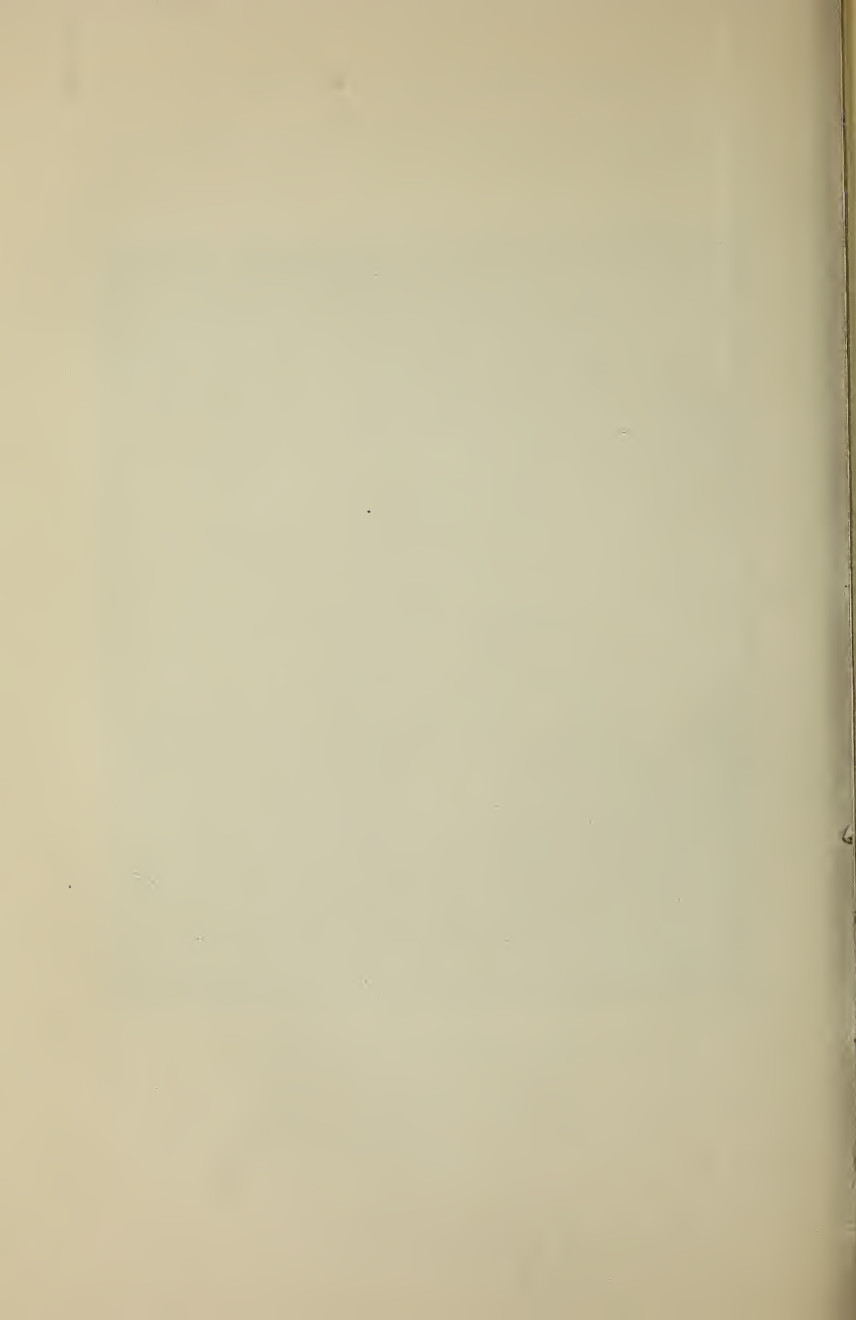
held in the church on Tuesday evening, September 4, 1888. The church was beautifully decorated with bouquets and potted plants. A floral arch graced the front part of the church, together with an illuminated sign bearing the words "Welcome Home." The congregation sang "Home again from a foreign shore." Prayer was offered by Dr. C. F. McCauley. Brief addresses were delivered by Mr. George B. Walbert for the congregation and Dr. B. Bausman for the Reformed churches of Reading, whose pastors and their wives had been invited to attend the reception. Rev. C. S. Gerhard responded with much feeling, expressing his appreciation of the cordial welcome home tendered him. The service closed with the singing of the hymn "Now thank we all our God," when all who were present greeted Rev. Mr. Gerhard with a hearty hand-shake.

For some time after his return the pastor delivered sermons to his people about his trip to the Holy Land, and also lectured in numerous other places, where his discourses were heard with great interest and profit. His first sermon in the series preached to his people on Sunday evening, October 21, 1888, was on the subject, "My First Day's Experience in Palestine."





INTERIOR OF THE OLD CHURCH.





A special meeting of the congregation was called on Sunday morning, September 16, 1888, when the pastor read a letter from the Superintendent of Home Missions suggesting that the congregation raise \$700 a year toward the pastor's salary. On motion it was unanimously decided to comply with the request.

The janitor of the church having removed to Philadelphia, the vacancy was filled by the election of Thomas B. Jones, at a salary of \$8.00 per month, beginning October 31, 1888.\*

The St. Stephen's Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, which had been formed during the previous year, was granted free use of the library room on Thursday evening of each week.

On November 1, 1888, the Ladies' Aid Society paid the semi-annual interest on the church lot debt, amounting to \$41.25.

At a special meeting of the consistory held December 19, 1888, it was decided to insure the church for \$3,000 for a period of five years.

Elder Daniel S. Klein, who had served in that capacity from the organization of the con-

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\* On November 6, 1889, the janitor's salary was increased to \$10.00 per month from November 1st to May 1st, and \$9.00 per month from May 1st to November 1st.

gregation, resigned December 19, 1888, because of his removal to the West. He was succeeded by J. Frederick Schoenberger, who was elected at the annual congregational meeting, January 2, 1889.

At the consistory meeting held January 17, 1889, it was decided to secure a corporation seal, and a tentative Constitution was read and recommended to the congregation for adoption. It was read to the congregation at a regular church service, slightly amended, and afterward unanimously adopted at a special congregational meeting on March 13, 1889. The Constitution was printed for distribution among the members.

On March 6, 1889, the pastor was authorized to publish a four-page paper, which was to contain a copy of the Constitution, a directory of the members of the congregation, and such reading matter as might be of interest to the members. It was called "The Annual Visitor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church," and was published every year during the remainder of Rev. Mr. Gerhard's pastorate.

The consistory decided, July 1, 1889, to recommend to the congregation the enlargement of the church by building an annex on the south

side. This expansion was made necessary by the growth of the Sunday School, which could no longer be accommodated without enlarging the building. At a special meeting of the congregation held July 7, 1889, it was unanimously decided that the south wall of the church be removed, and that an annex 25 by 46 feet be built. The consistory was elected as a building committee. The contract for building the annex was given to Daniel C. Roth. It was completed at a cost of \$1633.91, increasing the size of the church to 61 by 70 feet.

The annex was dedicated with appropriate services on Sunday afternoon, October 27, 1889. Addresses were delivered by Drs. H. Mosser and B. Bausman, and Rev. Rufus W. Miller. Drs. L. K. Derr and J. W. Steinmetz took part in the service. The pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, performed the act of consecration.

At the meeting on July 31, 1889, in response to an overture from the Board of Home Missions, the consistory resolved that the congregation should become self-supporting, beginning with April 1, 1890.

The pastor prepared the way for this step, when, in preaching the sixth anniversary ser-

mon on March 16, 1890, he advocated self-support, taking for his text Acts 14: 10, "Stand upright on thy feet." We feel justified in giving room to the following liberal extract from the sermon:

"To-day it is six years, to the very day, that this congregation was organized. The original members numbered fifty-seven. Of these, forty-seven are with us to-day. Our present membership is three hundred and fifteen. The time has come for us to stand upright on our feet. We are no longer in our infancy. Neither are we in a crippled condition. A year ago we already had the largest membership of any congregation receiving aid from the Missionary Board. The Board think that we ought now to be able to stand alone. They say to us, 'Stand upright on your feet.' They have a right to say so. After next first of April we are expected to be self-sustaining. Does not the Board, after they have done so much for us, have a right to say, 'Stand upright on your feet?' Surely they have. And most undoubtedly we can stand alone if we wish to. If we *all do our part* there will be no difficulty about the matter whatever. We must pray, we must work, and we must give.

"The Gospel is freely offered to all, but it costs a great deal to so offer it. It is not *free*, in the sense that it costs nothing to furnish it. The public schools are free, not because it costs nothing to conduct them, but because we all pay tax for their support. They are free, but certainly it costs quite a good deal to *maintain* them and *keep* them free. The Gospel is free, but it cost the Lord Jesus Christ His *life* to enable Him to offer us a free Gospel. So to-day the Gospel is free, but we must pay to have it maintained and kept free.



"It costs self-sacrifice, consecration, devotion, prayer, and also money, to keep our churches open and have the Gospel proclaimed. It costs money to have ministers to preach and administer consolation from the pulpit, in the Sunday school, and from house to house. It costs money to build churches and keep them in repair. It costs money for organist, light, fuel, sexton, Sunday school library, papers and other supplies.

"In order that the Gospel may have a chance to be free and progressive, there must be contributions, and these must come, not from one or two or a few, but from the entire flock. 'To do good and to communicate (contribute) forget not,' says St. Paul, 'for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.' Giving money is as much a part of worship as singing and prayer. Taking up the collection is an act of worship. This includes the usual Sunday collection, special offerings, the communion alms, and the amounts contributed in your monthly envelopes. All this money is given to *the Lord*, and, as *His*, is used for the various Church purposes for which it is needed.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,' says the Apostle Paul. Giving for the support of *the Church*, you give to *the Lord*.

"And now, what is involved in our standing alone? First, we are to realize that we must now depend on our own resources in the Lord. Again, to stand upright on our feet, each one must see well to his own growth in grace. This is the first and central source of all activity in the work of the Lord. A saving knowledge of Christ, and our relation to Him, is fundamental. Only as we keep our vows and live near to Christ will we be truly interested in His work. Then, too, our only right to exist as a congregation is that we may grow in grace and be instrumental in saving others."

St. Stephen's had now developed into a congregation of 315 members, with a Sunday School numbering 663 officers, teachers and scholars. It was well established, well equipped, self-supporting, and was looking hopefully forward to a prosperous future.







THE SEAL OF THE CHURCH.

## CHAPTER IV

### THE INCORPORATION OF THE CONGREGATION



T a special meeting of the consistory held March 13, 1887, an application for a charter was read and signed by the members of the consistory. It reads as follows :

*To the Honorable the Judges of the Court  
of Common Pleas of Berks County :*

The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of Pennsylvania, having associated themselves together for the purpose of the support of public worship, and desiring that they may be incorporated according to law, do hereby declare :

I. The name of the proposed corporation is "St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading, Pa."

II. The purpose of the said corporation is the support of the public worship of Almighty God, according to the Constitution, canons, discipline, doctrine, faith, government and forms of the Reformed Church in the United States, which it hereby accedes to, recognizes and adopts.

III. The business of the said corporation is to be transacted in the City of Reading, in the county of Berks and state of Pennsylvania.

IV. The said corporation is to exist perpetually.

V. The number of trustees of said corporation is fixed at six, a majority of whom shall be lay members, and the

names and residences of those who are chosen trustees for the first year are:

DANIEL BUCHER,	Reading, Pa.
DANIEL S. KLEIN,	" "
HENRY Y. STONER,	" "
MILTON J. COLLIER,	" "
SAMUEL PALM,	" "
CHAS. W. WANNER,	" "

VI. There is no capital stock, nor are there any shares of stock. The yearly income of the said corporation, other than that derived from real estate, shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars.

VII. Any estate, real or personal, which may be bequeathed, devised or conveyed to said corporation, shall be taken and held to inure to it, subject to the control and disposition of the lay members of the congregation, or such constituted officers or representatives thereof as shall be elected by a majority of lay members.

VIII. The officers shall consist of a Pastor, three Elders and three Deacons, which may be increased at the pleasure of the members of the corporation to six Elders and six Deacons, who together shall constitute the consistory of the congregation. They shall be elected by the members of the congregation at such times and for such terms as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws.

IX. No person other than a minister of the Gospel in good standing as a member of a Synod connected with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States shall be elected Pastor.

X. No sale or conveyance of the real estate of the corporation or any part thereof shall be made without a majority of the members of the congregation present and voting at an election called for that purpose, upon due notice, deciding in favor of such sale or conveyance.

DANIEL BUCHER,	CHAS. W. WANNER,
DANIEL S. KLEIN,	GEORGE H. LONG,
MILTON J. COLLIER,	HENRY Y. STONER.

It was sworn and subscribed to March 17, 1887, as is shown by the following statement :

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss.  
COUNTY OF BERKS.

Before me, the subscriber, Recorder of Deeds, in and for the county aforesaid, personally came the above named George H. Long, Henry Y. Stoner and Daniel S. Klein, who in due form of law acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be their act and deed, for the purposes therein specified. And the said George H. Long, Henry Y. Stoner and Daniel S. Klein being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that the statements contained in the foregoing instrument are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Acknowledged, sworn and subscribed before me this 17th day of March, A. D. 1887. Witness my hand and official seal.  
W. BENTON STOLTZ, *Recorder.*

It was submitted to the congregation and adopted at a special meeting held March 20, 1887.

The application was filed March 22, 1887.

The following statement of this fact is borne on the face of the document :

And now, to wit, March 22, A. D. 1887, the court having perused and examined the instrument in writing, specifying the objects, articles, conditions, name, style or title under which the within named subscribers have associated, and it appearing to the court that the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful and not injurious to the Commonwealth, the court direct said writing to be filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said court, and notice to be inserted in the

"Weekly Herald" and the "Republikaner von Berks," two newspapers published in said county of Berks, for three weeks, setting forth that an application has been made to the court to grant a charter of incorporation to the subscribers within named under the style of "St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading, Pa."

By the court,

J. HAGENMAN, *President Judge*.

The application was advertised in the "Weekly Herald" in English and in the "Republikaner von Berks" in German for three weeks, as required by law. The following is a copy of the English advertisement:

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County on the 23rd day of April next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, under Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, by Daniel Bucher, Daniel S. Klein, Henry Y. Stoner, Milton J. Collier, George H. Long and Charles W. Wanner, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading, Pa.," the character and object of which is the support of the public worship of Almighty God according to the Constitution, canons, discipline, doctrine, faith, government and forms of the Reformed Church in the United States, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the Act of Assembly aforesaid and its supplements.

D. N. SCHAEFFER, *Solicitor*.

READING, March 22, 1887.

The fact that the requirements of the law were fulfilled had to be sworn to before a no-



tary public. This was done April 22, 1887, as is shown by the following document :

BERKS COUNTY, SS.

Personally appeared before me a notary public at Reading, residing in and for said county, D. N. Schaeffer, who, being duly sworn, says that the above advertisement has been for three weeks in the "Weekly Herald" and in the "Republikaner von Berks," printed and published in Berks county aforesaid; and further, that three of the subscribers to the said charter herewith presented, viz., Daniel Bucher, George H. Long and Daniel S. Klein, are citizens of Pennsylvania, according to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 22nd day of April,  
A. D. 1887. D. N. SCHAEFFER.

ADAM B. RIESER, *Notary Public*.

The charter was granted by action of the court, April 23, 1887, and is as follows :

And now, April 23, A. D. 1887, the within certificate of incorporation having remained on file in the office of the Prothonotary of this court since the 22nd day of March last, being the day on which publication of notice of intended application was first made, as appears by the record, and due proof of said publication having been made, I do hereby certify that I have examined said instrument, and find the same to be in proper form, and within the purposes named in the first class of corporations specified in Section 2 of Act of Assembly of April 29, 1874, and that said purposes are lawful and not injurious to the community. It is therefore ordered and decreed that the said charter be and the same is hereby approved, and upon the recording of the same, and its endorsements and this order in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the county of Berks, the subscribers thereto and

their associates shall thenceforth be a corporation for the purposes, and upon the terms and under the name therein stated.

By the court,

JAMES N. ERMENTROUT, *Judge*.

It was recorded April 29, 1887, and St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading was a legal corporation.

On January 17, 1889, it was decided to secure a corporation seal, and a tentative Constitution was read and recommended to the congregation for adoption. It was unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the congregation held March 13, 1889, and is as follows :

#### ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. This congregation shall be known by the name and title of ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH OF THE CITY OF READING, PA.

SEC. 2. The object of this congregation shall be to provide its members with the stated preaching of the Gospel, the administration of the sacraments and the other ordinances of the Church of Jesus Christ, and to adopt and prosecute from time to time such measures as may be calculated to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SEC. 3. This congregation shall be subject to the control of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, and shall in all respects be governed by its rules and regulations.

#### ARTICLE II.—*Officers*.

SEC. 1. The officers of this congregation shall consist of a Pastor, and at least three Elders and three Deacons.

SEC. 2.—*Pastor*.—The duty of the Pastor shall be to preach the Gospel, instruct and catechise the young, ad-

minister the sacraments, serve as President of the Sunday School, and perform all other duties belonging to a minister of Jesus Christ.

SEC. 3.—*Elders*.—The duties of the Elders shall be, in connection with the Pastor, to take the oversight of the congregation; to exercise ecclesiastical discipline, and to take heed that Christian order be maintained in all things; to aid in visiting the sick, and to contribute, according to their ability, to the instruction, improvement and consolation of the members.

SEC. 4.—*Deacons*.—The duties of the Deacons shall be to assist the other officers of the congregation in promoting its general welfare; to collect the alms and contributions designed to meet the necessities of the congregation; to distribute the alms and provide for the support of the pastor.

SEC. 5.—*The Consistory*.—The Pastor, Elders and Deacons shall constitute the consistory of the congregation, of which the Pastor shall be *ex-officio* President. A Recording Secretary, a Financial Secretary and a Treasurer shall be annually elected by themselves, at the first consistorial meeting after the annual election for officers; a majority of all the members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the consistory to provide for the faithful enforcement of discipline, according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to transact all other business of the congregation in its name, *provided, however*, that when any measure of general interest and importance, such as the buying or selling of property, the erection of buildings, etc., is concerned, they first ascertain the will of the majority of the congregation assembled for that purpose, of which due notice shall be given.

SEC. 7.—*Meeting of Consistory*.—The consistory shall meet regularly once a month. At their first meeting after the annual congregational meeting, the consistory

shall receive the report of the committee appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer made at the annual meeting of the congregation, organize for the current year, and transact such other business as may claim their attention. Special meetings shall also be held as occasion may require, due notice being given.

#### ARTICLE III.—*Elections.*

SEC. 1. In matters pertaining to the spiritual concerns of the congregation, such as the election of a Pastor, of Elders and Deacons, etc., all members, male and female, in full and good standing shall be entitled to vote. In other matters, such as the buying and selling of property, the erection of buildings, etc., all members in full and good standing shall also be entitled to vote.

SEC. 2. Under the foregoing rule, every member shall be considered in good standing and entitled to vote who has communed with this congregation at least once within one year preceding, and is a regular contributor to the support of the Pastor, and the defraying of the current expenses of the congregation, and has contributed within one year preceding an election.

SEC. 3. Every election or congregational meeting, called to decide on matters pertaining to the interests of the congregation, shall be announced from the pulpit at least two Sundays previous.

SEC. 4.—*Resignation, Election and Call of a Pastor.*—When the office of Pastor becomes vacant, the consistory shall invite some candidate to visit and preach for the congregation, after which an election shall be held, of which previous notice shall be given. In no case shall the election be between two candidates at the same time, and in every instance the voting shall be *for* or *against* the candidate. The case of every candidate shall be fully disposed of before another is proposed. The person receiving a majority of the votes polled is duly elected. The form of a call to an elected Pastor shall be that recom-



mended by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. The consistory shall have the power to act upon the resignation of a Pastor.

SEC. 5.—*Candidate for Pastor*.—No minister of the Gospel shall be elected to the office of Pastor of this congregation, or at least inducted into the said office, who is not in good and regular standing as a member of a Synod connected with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 6.—*Election of Officers*.—An election for at least one Elder and one Deacon shall be held at the annual meeting of the congregation during the first week in January, between such hours as the consistory may determine; and the persons thus chosen shall serve for a period of three years. No person shall be eligible to any of the aforesaid offices who is not a regular contributing and communicant member, in good repute for Christian piety, according to the provisions of this Constitution, as prescribed in Article III., Section 2. No previous tenure of office shall disqualify any person from being a candidate for any of the aforesaid offices.

SEC. 7.—*Vacancies*.—Should any of the offices become vacant by death, removal, refusal, or otherwise, between the regular times for holding the election, the consistory shall have power to fill such vacancy, until the next annual election for officers. Should any officer declining to serve, refuse to resign, the consistory shall have power to declare his office vacant, and in like manner fill it until the next annual election.

SEC. 8.—*Delegates to the Classis*.—The consistory shall annually elect two Elders—a primarius and a secundus—to represent the congregation in the annual and special meetings of the Classis with which it is connected. Care shall be taken that only such persons shall be chosen who will be able to attend the sessions of the Classis.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Qualification for Membership, and Duties of Members.*

SEC. 1.—*Membership*.—To constitute any person a member of this congregation, he must possess the qualifications, and be received according to the mode required and prescribed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 2.—*Duties of Members*.—It shall be the duty of every member of this congregation to labor to promote its general welfare, and to contribute according to his or her ability to the support of the Pastor, and to every object that may require the contributions of the congregation.

SEC. 3.—*Dismissions and Receptions*.—It shall be the duty of every member when removing out of the bounds of this congregation to apply for a certificate of dismissal; and all who come from other congregations must present such a certificate in order to membership, except in special cases, of the nature of which the Pastor shall be the judge.

SEC. 4.—*Discipline*.—In all cases not provided for in this Constitution those whose conduct may be such as to render them fit subjects for discipline, shall be dealt with according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE V.—*By-Laws*.

The consistory may from time to time enact such By-Laws for their government in the transaction of business as they may deem necessary, *provided, however*, they do not conflict with this Constitution or the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE VI.—*Amendments*.

This Constitution, or any part of it, may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present,



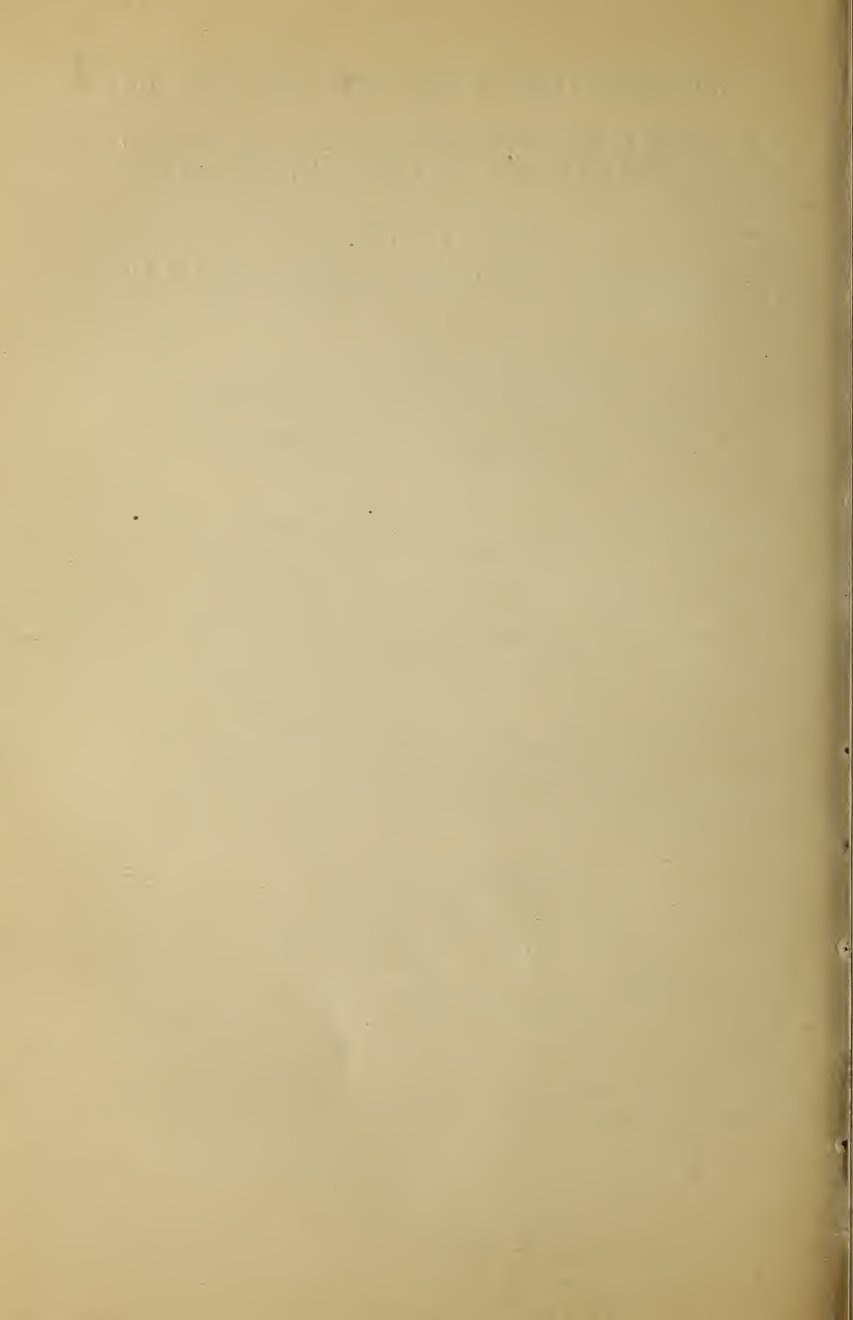
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at a meeting of the congregation called for that purpose, provided there are no less than twenty (20) members thus assembled.

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### MEMORANDUM.

At the annual election, Trustees must be elected for the ensuing year.



## CHAPTER V

### PREPARING FOR LARGER THINGS



THE next seven years in the history of St. Stephen's Reformed congregation were a period of preparation for larger things.

In the sixth anniversary sermon, referred to in the preceding Chapter, Rev. Mr. Gerhard made a prophecy, the fulfillment of which he was permitted to enjoy. He looked into the future and saw great possibilities for his congregation. He had sufficient faith in God and in his people to believe that in due time the greater things would be realized. He said to his people :

“Twice we have built additions to our church. Here we stop. We build no more additions. We have so far done our best. Our building is neat, convenient, comfortable, large. We can seat seven hundred. Eight to ten years from now we may consider the question of erecting an entirely new church building.”

This Chapter will be devoted to the recital of the events during this period of preparation for larger things.

The resignation of Miss Mame H. Smith as organist was accepted March 12, 1890, and J.

Wilson Klein was elected to take her place at a salary of \$60.00 per year, beginning April 1, 1890.

On May 5, 1890, Charles W. Wanner was elected treasurer of the Poor Fund.

At the regular meeting of the consistory, June 9, 1890, H. Y. Stoner resigned as Elder and as Secretary of the consistory, to take effect at once. He was about to enter the Christian ministry. Daniel S. Klein was elected as Elder to serve until the next regular election, and at the following meeting of the consistory, July 6, 1890, he was elected Secretary.

Milton J. Miller was elected as leader of the choir from July 1, 1890, to January 1, 1891, at a salary of \$35.00. He resigned and was succeeded by William H. Smith, who was elected to the office on November 3, 1890. On December 1, 1890, it was decided that he should also serve as chorister of the Sunday School at a salary of sixty dollars per year for both positions. He served only to the end of the year.

The consistory decided, December 30, 1890, that the number of Elders and Deacons be increased from three to four. In compliance with this resolution the following persons were elected

at the annual congregational meeting held January 7, 1891: Elders, Isaac R. Bechtel and Joseph R. Roth, each for three years, and Daniel S. Klein for one year, to complete the unexpired term of Elder H. Y. Stoner;\* Deacons, Charles W. Wanner and Thomas J. Eckert, each for three years.

At the regular meeting on February 2, 1891, the consistory reorganized by electing Joseph R. Roth, Recording Secretary; Samuel Palm, Financial Secretary; Daniel S. Klein, Treasurer. At the same meeting E. H. Prutzman was engaged to conduct a singing school at a remuneration of \$25.00 for twelve lessons. He was also elected choir leader at a salary of \$50.00 a year, beginning January 1, 1891. This was increased to \$60.00 a year from January 1, 1892.

March 30, 1891, the consistory decided to pay \$700 on the mortgage. On July 31, 1889, the consistory had authorized a loan of \$2,000 from John O. Glase. Of this amount

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\* Since page 64 was printed we found that Mr. Stoner was ordained to the Christian ministry in the First Reformed Church on Sunday afternoon, May 18, 1890, by a committee consisting of the Reformed ministers of Reading, with Rev. H. Mosser, D. D., as chairman.

\$500 was used to help pay the annex to the church, and \$1,500 was used to satisfy a mortgage of said amount held by the Miss Eckert estate. Some time during 1890 \$100 had been paid on the mortgage out of the fund raised by the building committee to enlarge the church. The payment of the \$700 in 1891 reduced the amount of the mortgage to \$1,200. The Easter offering, April 17, 1892, amounted to \$1,226.-49, which was contributed as follows: Congregation, \$415.65; Sunday School, \$700; Ladies' Aid Society, \$100; Young People's Society, \$5.84. On May 2, 1892, at the regular monthly meeting of the consistory an order was granted for \$1,206.60 for the payment of the mortgage with interest to date. The congregation was now free of debt, with an excellent plant, and self-supporting, paying its pastor \$900 a year.

At a special meeting of the consistory on June 26, 1892, it was decided that the mortgage should be burned at the morning service, July 10, 1892. An impressive service was held on said date, the mortgage was burned, and the congregation was free of debt.

In spite of his strenuous labors in building up the congregation of which he was pastor,



Rev. Mr. Gerhard was an earnest student and kept in close touch with the progressive thought of his day. He contributed frequently to the "Reformed Church Messenger," the "Reformed Quarterly Review," and other periodicals, and his productions were widely read with interest and profit. In June, 1891, he was honored by his Alma Mater, Franklin and Marshall College, which conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In October of the same year he was elected President of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which met in Harrisburg, Pa. During commencement week in 1892, Dr. Gerhard delivered the Alumni Address at Franklin and Marshall College on the subject "Man's Origin and Future Destiny Viewed from the Scientific Standpoint."

At the July meeting of the consistory, July 25, 1892, the following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, That we make an earnest effort to raise the pastor's salary to twelve hundred dollars per year." Since April 1, 1890, when the congregation became self-supporting, they were paying Rev. Mr. Gerhard a salary of \$900 a year. It was, however, not until 1896 that he

received the full salary of \$1,200, though in 1895 it reached \$1,163.43.

By action of the consistory, September 5, 1892, the janitor's salary was raised to \$12.00 per month. On February 6, 1893, the salaries of the organist and chorister were raised to \$75.00 a year. The organist's salary was raised to \$100 a year on March 5, 1894, but on April 4, 1894, he was also made chorister, with full charge of congregational and Sunday School music, at a salary of \$125 a year, beginning January 1, 1894. On July 8, 1895, this was increased to \$150 a year, and on January 3, 1898, to \$175 a year.

At the regular meeting of the consistory held March 5, 1894, Hiram K. Ritter was elected Elder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Aaron R. Bucks, who departed this life February 20, 1894.

The tenth anniversary of the congregation was observed with appropriate special services on Sunday, March 18, 1894. We quote the following account of the services as given by the pastor in the "Annual Visitor" of March 26, 1894:

"The tenth anniversary of our congregation and Sunday School was celebrated on Sunday, March 18. The weather was delightful and the attendance, morning, afternoon and evening, unusually large. The decorations on the altar, pulpit and baptismal font were beautiful and appropriate. In the morning the pastor preached from Psalm 124: 8, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." He briefly reviewed the history of the congregation, which was organized on March 16, 1884. Of the persons received at that time the following are still with us: Milton J. Collier, Mrs. Jennie Hertz, Mrs. Amanda Kinsey, Mrs. Hettie Rohrbach, Daniel S. Klein, Mrs. Mary Klein, Jacob Timey, Mrs. Clara Timey, J. Fred. Gerhard, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard, Mrs. Amanda Lerch, Daniel Bucher, Mrs. Mary Bucher, Miss Mary Bucher, G. Frank Bard, Mrs. Annie C. Bard, Miss Mary E. Gerhard, Abraham Eisenberger, Mrs. Elmina Eisenberger, Mrs. Rosa Frantz, Mrs. Emma Prutzman, Mrs. Catharine Seyfert, Edwin Fisher, Alfred M. Ruth, Mrs. Louisa S. Ruth, Charles J. Ruth, Bernard Mengel, Daniel C. Roth, Mrs. Frances Roth, Mrs. Anna Burkert, Mrs. Susan Getrost, Alexander Schlottman, Mrs. Catharine Schlottman, Samuel Palm, Mrs. Emma Palm and Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard.

"When the congregation was organized, our building had neither vestibule, library room nor annex. In the summer of 1885 we built the vestibule and library room at a cost of \$600. In 1889 we expended \$1,634 in making repairs and in erecting the annex. In 1890, after having been a mission for six years, the congregation became self-sustaining. In 1892 we liquidated the balance of the indebtedness on the lot, the original cost of which was \$3,000. In the spring of 1893 a few members subscribed \$1,100 towards the erection of the Theological Seminary building at Lancaster. From a financial and numerical standpoint we have certainly been prosperous. What

progress we have made spiritually, it is more difficult to estimate. Two things indicate that you are interested in your church and the work of the Lord generally: Your attendance upon the services of the sanctuary and the contributions which you have made. Another encouraging sign is the general good feeling which prevails. Many of our members, I know, lead earnest, consistent, Christian lives. Some have spoken to me of their religious experience and have expressed their joy in the Lord. All of us have had our trials and afflictions, but at all times and under all circumstances the Lord has been our help. May His goodness and mercy fill our hearts with devout gratitude, with sincere sorrow for our shortcomings, and lead us to greater devotion to His service.

"We were glad to see so many visitors present at the Sunday School Anniversary, and trust that all enjoyed the special music, and the addresses delivered by Dr. B. Bausman, the pastor, Thomas D. Bausher, Milton J. Collier, Charles W. Wanner and Adam A. Ludwig. On December 30, 1883,\* the Tenth Street Mission Sunday School was transferred to our building. It consisted of sixty members. Of these only eleven are with us to-day."

At this time the membership of the congregation was 563 and that of the Sunday School 643.

In 1895 Dr. Gerhard published a volume entitled "Death and the Resurrection." This subject seemed to have been one of his favorite

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\*There is a discrepancy between the date here given and the date recorded in the brief history which Rev. Mr. Gerhard wrote in the "Church Register." The date of the transfer is there given as December 23, 1883, and we followed that record in referring to the transfer of the Sunday School on page 26.



themes from the beginning of his ministry, for as early as 1870, the year of his graduation from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, he contributed an article to the "Reformed Church Messenger" on "The Resurrection of the Saints." Other articles on various phases of the subject followed, and after twenty-five years of earnest study and careful research he crystallized his views in the volume which is the crown of his theological thought.

The book was favorably received. The "Reformed Church Messenger" said:

"We take great pleasure in announcing this publication, which will be found to be scholarly, suggestive and devotional. It discusses an intensely interesting subject in a most original manner. The reader may not at once agree with the author, but if he reads the book through he will find that the positions taken are strongly supported in Scripture, science and sound reasoning."

Rev. William Rupp, D. D., Professor of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, after carefully reading the manuscript, wrote about it as follows:

"The book shows wide reading on the part of its author. It has not been a hasty production. The author has gone generally through the literature of his subject, and has written thoughtfully, cautiously, and with a masterly grasp of his material. The style is plain, direct and forcible. One need never be at a loss as to the meaning

of a sentence. The writer is one who understands his own thought, and consequently is able to make others understand it. The thought, of course, is always profound, but so clearly expressed that any intelligent man or woman will be able to comprehend it. The book was not written for ministers only, but for the Christian and thinking public generally; and any reader of ordinary intelligence, we are sure, will find it to be interesting, instructive and profitable, particularly as it deals ably and honestly with a subject in which we are all personally interested."

In the fall of 1895 the exterior of the church, both bricks and woodwork, was painted at a cost of \$105, giving the building a neat and attractive appearance.

Elder Isaac M. Bechtel resigned December 2, 1895, and was succeeded by Milton J. Collier, who was elected to the office at the congregational meeting held January 8, 1896, after having served as deacon since the organization of the congregation. At the same meeting Cuvier G. Grube was elected as deacon, taking the place vacated by Mr. Collier. Deacon Charles W. Wanner resigned May 4, 1896, and was succeeded by Dr. Wilson D. DeLong, who was elected by the consistory to serve until the next annual congregational meeting, January 6, 1897, when he was reelected for three years. On June 8, 1896, Mr. Wanner resigned as treasurer



of the Poor Fund, and was succeeded by Dr. DeLong.

At the regular meeting held September 7, 1896, the consistory granted permission to the young men of the church to establish a reading room, to be continued as long as the consistory might deem it proper, the young men being privileged to elect a librarian and one or more assistants.

On November 2, 1896, the consistory resolved to change the monthly system of contributions for the support of the Gospel to the weekly system, to go into effect January 1, 1897. It was also decided at the same meeting that the minimum amount to be paid by every confirmed member be five cents a week, with the exception of those who should be exonerated by the consistory. Mr. J. Wilson Klein was elected as financial secretary of the congregation, beginning January 1, 1897, and the collection of church dues, which had hitherto been attended to by the deacons, was given into his hands, and as a compensation for his labors he was to receive six per cent. of all contributions given for this purpose. At a special meeting of the congregation held November 15, 1896, the above

action of the consistory was unanimously ratified, and a form of pledge was adopted which was to be signed by the confirmed members of the congregation indicating the amount they were willing to contribute each week as church dues. At a subsequent meeting of the consistory held February 1, 1897, it was decided that members who were living outside of the city and who could not attend the services regularly, but desired to retain their membership at St. Stephen's, should pay toward the support of the church at least one dollar a year.

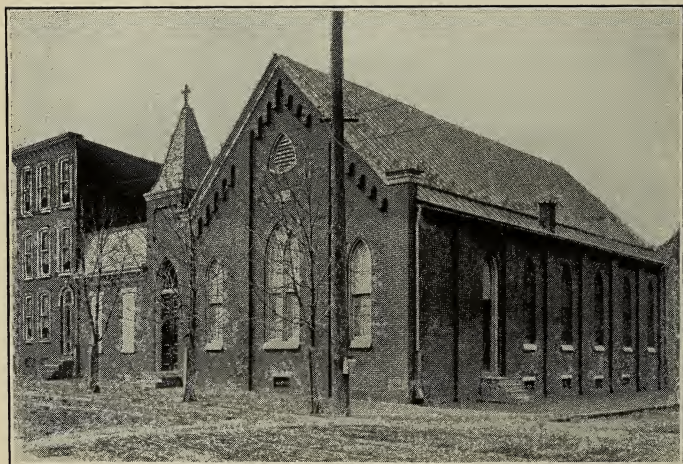
At the regular meeting of the consistory on February 1, 1897, an important action was taken, which hastened the great event toward which the pastor had looked forward since 1890, the erection of a new church building. The consistory decided to buy the property adjoining the church to the south.

At a special meeting of the congregation held March 7, 1897, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

*"Resolved,* That we, the members and friends of St. Stephen's Reformed Congregation, build a new church as soon as we can make the proper arrangements to do so.

*"Resolved,* That the Trustees of this congregation be instructed to purchase the property adjoining the church





THE PROPERTY OF THE CONGREGATION IN 1897.

on the south side from Mr. William Border for the sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars.

*"Resolved*, That we, the pastor and members of St. Stephen's Reformed Congregation, hereby express our profound appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. William Border in arranging without remuneration all the details for purchasing the Mullin property adjoining the church on the south side.

*"Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. William Border, properly signed by the President and Secretary of this meeting."

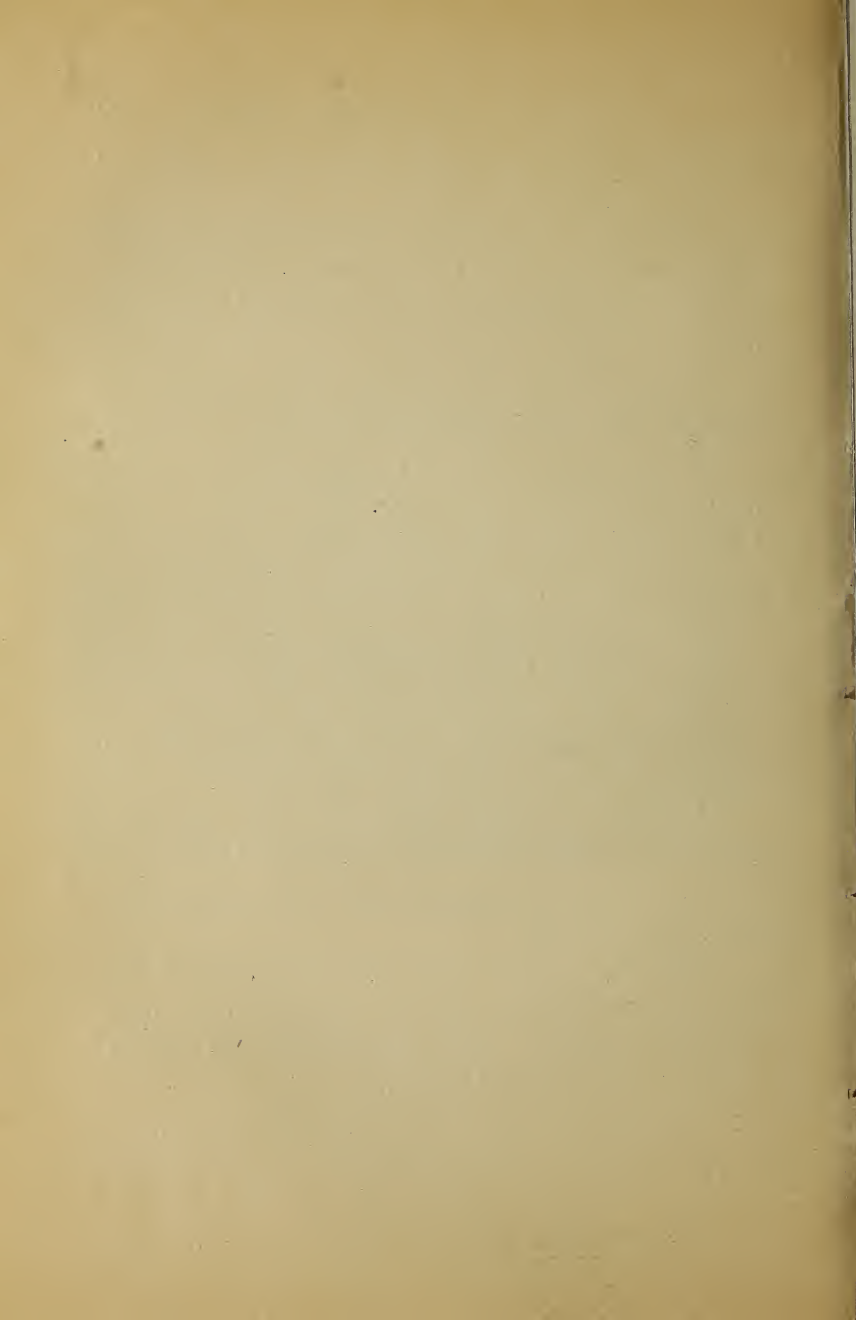
A mortgage of \$1,500 rested on the property at the time of the purchase. This was satisfied by means of a note on which \$700 was paid April 1, 1897. The balance was paid May 1, 1897.

On June 1, 1897, a Ladies' Guild was organized. It was divided into four circles, all of whom were actively engaged in working for the new church.

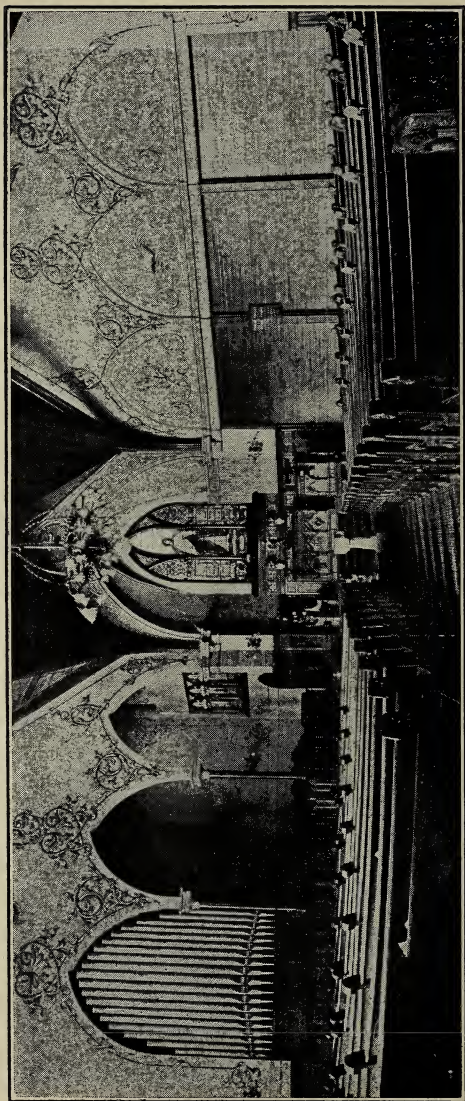
A Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor was organized September 22, 1897, and at once became a vigorous and active organization of the church.

The congregation was now on the eve of beginning operations for the erection of a new church building. The preparations for larger things were soon to bear fruit.





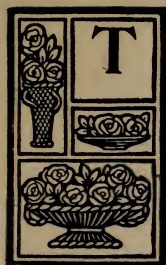




INTERIOR OF THE NEW CHURCH.

## CHAPTER VI

### A NEW CHURCH



HE pastor first had a vision of the larger church building which would some day have to be erected. By degrees he revealed the vision to his people, and when the proper time came he had prepared their minds and hearts to enter upon the work with great enthusiasm.

The first step that was taken in the direction of building a new church was the resolution of the consistory, February 1, 1897, to purchase the property adjoining the church on the south side. This action was ratified by the congregation, who authorized the purchase at a meeting held March 7, 1897.

In the "Annual Visitor" of April 19, 1897, the pastor left a blank space at the top of page 5, and below it he printed the following earnest plea for a new church :

"This space is reserved for a picture of the *new* church. What that church shall be depends on the grace of God, on Congress, on ourselves, and on our friends. The grace of God we can always count on, of Congress we will hope for the best, as for ourselves, let us do our utmost, and our friends will stand by us. We need a new church, be-

cause we do not consider ourselves warranted in making the extensive and costly repairs to our present building which are required if it is to remain, because our church is getting too small, because we must keep abreast with the progress of our city, because the glory of God demands that a congregation, which has been blest like St. Stephen's, shall go forward and erect a house of worship fully commensurate with its constantly increasing requirements. The congregation has expressed its willingness and purpose to build a new church so soon as we can make the necessary preparations. We are eager to begin. And every member would like to see a beautiful building erected. We have no desire to outdo others. Neither are we prompted by feelings of pride. But we do believe that we cannot do too much for our Lord, who loves the beautiful, as well as the true and the good. Giving is a grace that needs to be exercised. No one can afford to hang back. Our current expenses and benevolent contributions are provided for by systematic offerings frequently given and in small amounts. The time has now come for us to think of something altogether exceptional and something which comes to most men only once in a life time. We want to build a church, to cost not two or three thousand dollars, but twenty, or thirty thousand. Pennies, nickels and dimes are good in their place, but do not go far when a church is to be erected. Occasional sociables and entertainments are like sweetmeats and desserts—not to be depended upon, because not sufficiently substantial. The only way to raise funds to build a church is to proceed as we do when we want to build or buy a house for ourselves. We know it takes a large amount of money, but we believe in the investment and are willing to make it. The best way to get together thousands of dollars for a new church is for all those who can possibly do so to give by the thousand. A man who is worth ten or fifteen thousand dollars does not go be-



yond what is reasonable if he contributes a thousand dollars towards a new church. He will not be any the poorer for having done so. Nor can any one else afford to do less than his full duty. Brethren, we have resolved to build. We are not ready now. It will take at least a year to prepare, but *in the meantime let no one be idle*. The poor alone cannot build it. The rich alone cannot build it. If *all* become thororoughly aroused and each one is willing to do his utmost, the church can be built and paid for. Shall it be done?"

The leaven was working, and at a special congregational meeting held October 17, 1897, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*"Resolved, That we, the members and friends of St. Stephen's Reformed Congregation of Reading, Pa., undertake in the fear of God the erection of a new church, the work to be commenced in the spring of 1898."*

On motion the members of the consistory were appointed a nominating committee to nominate a building committee and an advisory committee. They reported as follows:

"We the nominating committee appointed this day beg leave to report the following names:

"For Building Committee—Daniel C. Roth, John M. Wagner, and Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

"For Advisory Committee—Frank G. Bard, Edwin F. Feather, George A. Fick, J. Frederick Gerhard, John K. Hiester, Levi Hunsicker, Jacob G. Jackson, Richard G. Lincoln, Adam A. Ludwig, Albert Miller, Tobias W. Nissly, Manton W. Potteiger, Daniel S. Schaeffer, Alexander Schlottman, J. Frederick Schoenberger, Dr. John K. Sea-

man, Albert M. Weyandt, Daniel S. Klein, Joseph R. Roth, Hiram K. Ritter, Milton J. Collier, Samuel Palm, Lemon H. Hertz, Cuvier G. Grube, and Dr. W. D. De-Long."

The above were unanimously elected, and the project of building a new church was launched.

A contract was made with the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Young Men's Christian Association for the use of their building on Eighth street, between Green and Greenwich streets, as a place of worship while the new church was being erected. Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Joseph R. Roth, Milton J. Collier, Hiram K. Ritter and Lemon H. Hertz were appointed a committee to sign the agreement. As a compensation for the use of the building the consistory had one of the rooms plastered and wainscoted at a cost of \$107.

A portion of the Sunday School held its sessions in the same building, while the remaining portion was accommodated in the Tenth and Green streets public school building.

The last service in the old building was held Sunday, April 10, 1898. The next Sunday, April 18, 1898, the first service was held in the temporary place of worship.

The "Annual Visitor" of April 11, 1898, had a cut of the proposed church as a frontispiece, and contained the following article from the pen of the pastor :

"On the first page is a picture of the new church. It is an easy matter to have a cut made; not so easy to build a church. But it can be done. It has often been accomplished before, and anything that is necessary the members and friends of St. Stephen's can do. In union and co-operation there is strength. We are in the midst of our preparations. It will be a long pull and a hard pull, but, if a strong pull and a pull altogether, we will succeed better than we anticipate.

"With rare exceptions the members are responding nobly. A few seem not to realize the blessedness of giving to the Lord's cause. But the great majority are ready to do what they can. They do not put their own comforts and expenditures first, but recognize the fact that the Lord's cause has an equal claim with their own needs. They are heartily willing to make sacrifices, to work, to save, to give—to earn all they can, save all they can, give all they can.' They want to do *something*, and as *much* as possible.

"The pastor's heart has often been touched, in making his canvass, with the beautiful exhibitions of unusual liberality on the part of those whose gifts require genuine self-denial and long-continued, persistent saving up of pennies, nickels and dimes. To them the building of the new church is a precious means of grace. Their prayers and their offerings, like the prayers and alms of Cornelius, come up for a memorial before God. They give to the new church in such a way that they are thereby laying up treasures in heaven, and growing rich towards God."

The plan of the new church was prepared by architect Charles W. Bolton, of Philadelphia. The contract for its erection was awarded to George W. Beard and Company, of Reading. The plan made provision for an auditorium capable of seating eight hundred persons, and a Sunday School Chapel with room for seven hundred persons, the two rooms being so arranged that they could be thrown together, giving a combined seating capacity of fifteen hundred.

The corner stone was laid on Sunday afternoon, July 3, 1898. Notwithstanding the great heat a good sized congregation was present. The exercises were opened promptly at three o'clock with a selection by the orchestra. This was followed by an anthem by the choir and orchestra, and the invocation by Rev. J. P. Stein. A hymn was then sung, and Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., read the Scripture lesson. Rev. R. W. Miller offered prayer. Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., delivered an address, in which he traced the history of the congregation from the starting of a mission Sunday school in the old school house at Tenth and Washington streets in 1864 to the present time. He said



the church had a tremendous influence, and was a great moral support to a community.

Rev. T. J. Hacker, pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, Allentown, delivered the sermon on the meaning of a corner stone. His text was Job 38: 4, 6, 7. He referred to the wonderful genius of God in the creation of the world, and in placing man in this land of plenty. He then spoke of the corner stone of the Church of Christ, which he characterized the corner stone of human happiness. "It is a living stone," he said, "one preserving in itself the true light of God and the world." He then invoked the blessing of God upon the congregation and prayed that He would grant it prosperity.

Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D. D., gave a brief address, in which he congratulated the congregation of St. Stephen's on its new and handsome building about to be erected, and hoped that the work of the Lord would be carried through successfully. "It means work," he said, "and the church is not going up of its own accord. It must be done by humanity and paid for." He then spoke briefly about the subject of corner stone laying and said that he had attended at least eight in this city.



Rev. F. B. Hahn then offered a brief prayer, and Rev. Dr. Bridenbaugh read the 96th Psalm, in which all the clergy present participated.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone, the depositing of various articles in the box, and the consecration was then conducted by Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D. The following articles were placed in the box: The Holy Bible, "Reformed Church Messenger," Heidelberg Catechism, Reformed Church Hymnal, "Christian World," "Reformed Church Record," "Reformed Church Herald," Reading papers, the "Reformirte Hausfreund," "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," and a pretty silk flag from M.W. Potteiger.

The corner stone, which is of granite, has the dates 1883-1898 inscribed on it, and was the gift of Mr. T. D. Bausher, superintendent of the Sunday school.

At a special congregational meeting held September 18, 1898, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*"Resolved,* That as said congregation is now engaged in the erection of a church building, and to complete the payment of the same it is necessary to borrow the sum of \$13,000, the consistory of said church is hereby authorized

to borrow the said sum; and that Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Gerhard, President, and Joseph R. Roth, Secretary, are hereby authorized and empowered to execute a bond or bonds for said amount and a mortgage to secure the same upon the property of said St. Stephen's Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., situate at the southwest corner of Ninth and Greenwich Streets, containing in front on Ninth Street 77 feet by 110 feet in depth on Greenwich Street, under the seal of said corporation, for the term of four years, with interest thereon, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1st and October 1st, and to do all such other acts as may be necessary in the premises."

The work of erecting the new church was vigorously pressed towards completion, having the careful oversight of the vigilant pastor, who saw to it that every detail of the contract was faithfully carried out.

Mr. Samuel Palm resigned as deacon at the regular consistory meeting, November 7, 1898. At the following meeting of the consistory, December 5, 1898, it was decided to increase the number of deacons from four to six. At the annual congregational meeting, January 4, 1899, Hiram K. Ritter was reelected Elder for three years, and the following Deacons were elected: Cuvier G. Grube and Samuel P. Faust, each for three years, and Albert M. Weyandt and Charles W. Logan, each for two years. On

February 6, 1899, the consistory reorganized by reelecting the old officers with the exception of Financial Secretary of the consistory, to which office Cuvier G. Grube was elected.

On Sunday afternoon, December 4, 1898, the Sunday School took possession of the new chapel, which had just been completed. At two o'clock the two departments left their temporary quarters at the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association building, and the Tenth and Green Streets public school building, and marched to the chapel. The weather was very inclement, and the attendance was much smaller than it would have been under more favorable conditions.

The following description of the building is taken from the "Reformed Church Record":

"The new edifice is full Gothic, built of grey stone, with Hummelstown brown stone trimmings. The chapel will amply accommodate the members of the congregation and their many friends, having a seating capacity, when crowded, of nearly 1,000. The galleries are divided into five sections, two of which are class rooms. The first floor contains the intermediate department, also the library, parlor, reading, normal class and Christian Endeavor rooms. In the northwest corner of the basement is a well lighted room, 28 by 48, which is intended, when completed, for the primary department. Under the auditorium is a large assembly room. The library case is a magnificent piece of work, made and partly donated by

the Hampden planing mill. The stained glass, furnished by J. M. Kase & Co., is neat and appropriate, and harmonizes beautifully with the rest of the building. The walls are white sand finish and contrast nicely with the woodwork, which is principally cypress. Under the galleries and between the chapel and auditorium Wilson's patent rolling partitions are used."

The opening services of the chapel were held on Sunday, December 11, 1898. We are indebted to "The Reading Eagle" for a full account of the services, from which we select the following items:

"Special services were held on Sunday in the new building of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Ninth and Greenwich Streets, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., pastor, to commemorate the completion of the chapel, or Sunday school portion. The church proper will not be ready for services until about the first of October of next year.

"At the morning services Rev. C. J. Musser, of Philadelphia, editor of the 'Reformed Church Messenger,' preached from St. Matthew 22: 42, 'What think ye of Christ?' Among other things he said: 'The building just erected is a substantial and continual evidence of what the people of St. Stephen's think of Christ. It is a loving memorial to Christ's greatness.'

"The afternoon service was largely attended, many being present from other Reformed congregations. The singing was led by the choir of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, in charge of Mr. Jacob B. Fricker. All the Reformed ministers of Reading were present, except Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., who sent a letter of regret.

"The service was opened with the singing of an anthem by the choir, followed by the invocation by Rev. H.



Y. Stoner. 'When the Faithful Were Assembled' was sung by the congregation, at the conclusion of which Rev. J. P. Stein, pastor of St. Thomas' Reformed Church, read the 84th Psalm. This was followed by the singing of 'Gloria Patri,' the Creed and responsive reading, led by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D. Rev. Henry Mosser, D. D., offered a fervent prayer, after which the hymn 'Praise to the Lord! He is King Over All the Creation!' was sung.

"The first address was given by Rev. Dr. Mosser, of the First church. He said: 'I bring greetings and congratulations from my congregation.' He spoke of his church being the mother church of Reading, having eight daughters and four granddaughters. The First church was organized in 1755.

"Rev. F. B. Hahn, pastor of St. James' and Faith churches, considered himself honored in being selected to follow the address of the pastor of the mother church, as his congregations were two of its most recent daughters. He then spoke on the prosperity and great strides made in the improvement of the house of worship, which ever entails a sacrifice.

"Rev. L. K. Derr, D. D., of Zion's church, gave an address in German. He said he had organized and built five churches at different places. He spoke of the Word of God as a constant growth and the erection of a new building as a beautiful flower springing from such growth.

"Rev. Stanley L. Krebs, of St. Andrew's, was surprised at the remarkable transformation on the corner of Ninth and Greenwich Streets. Two months ago, when last there, he said it was the dirtiest and muddiest spot in Reading. It reminded him of a Japanese legend, whereby Japan was created by a mythical god, who out of curiosity stirred a stick into the waters of the then unformed earth, drawing up a great section of mud, and dropping back formed Japan, now a veritable garden spot.



“Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., of the Second church, said St. Stephen’s had erected this fine building in commemoration of our dear Lord, and that it should be a sacred place for the teaching of all Christian virtues. He hoped that many souls might through it be brought to God.

“Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, of St. Mark’s, thought his church and St. Stephen’s had much in common, although St. Mark’s had not a new building. He said St. Stephen, we are told, was a man full of good work, and so is St. Stephen’s church. St. Mark was a great apostle, always active, always working, so is St. Mark’s church. Mr. Schaeffer said he derived great encouragement from the fact that he was not alone in the work, there being many able helpers, both visible around us, and a mighty heavenly host unseen.

“Rev. J. P. Stein, of St. Thomas’ church, used as a text, ‘Blessed are they which dwell in Thy house.’ He spoke of a child not having a proper dwelling place and surroundings as lost. St. Stephen’s has erected a house and a rest for her children.

“Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D. D., of St. John’s, called attention to the wonderful way in which the city of Reading is covered by the Reformed Church. Your building is emblematic of the religion of Christ, none can mistake its significance. Let the members of St. Stephen’s be likewise.

“Rev. H. Y. Stoner said he was a son of St. Stephen’s church, having become a minister while a member. Five minute speeches were asked, but Rev. Stoner said he would like to put his in three words—‘Keep on building.’ This can be applied in many different ways. He compared the solidity of the stones used in the structure to the building up of a strong, substantial character. Nothing is in greater demand to-day than men, real men, solid as adamant, who have Christ in their hearts and the world

under their feet. He referred to three young men as having gone out of St. Stephen's to preach the Gospel.

"Rev. Rufus W. Miller called attention to the significance and appreciation of the fact of holding the first services in the Sunday school room. Bismarck has said, 'The country that has the schools has the future.' And is this not true of the church? The church that takes care of the Sunday school is the church of the future. He gave as a motto, 'Win one,' which, he said, all should adopt.

"Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., of St. Paul's, alluded to his church as the young mother church, as St. Paul's and the First established St. Stephen's. He said they were fortunate in their selections for St. Stephen's, having chosen the right place, the right time and the right man. He paid a tribute to the work done by Dr. Gerhard.

"All the ministers extended congratulations and good wishes from their respective congregations.

"While the offering was being taken the choir of St. Paul's church rendered an anthem. With the Lord's Prayer and one verse of 'Now Thank We All Our God,' the services came to a close.

"Rev. A. S. Weber, of Faith Reformed church, Baltimore, preached the evening sermon. He complimented the congregation on its Christian zeal in erecting so fine an edifice, and hoped that it would continue to be a power for good in the community."

At the consistory meeting, January 2, 1899, the janitor's salary was raised to \$15.00 per month. This was increased to \$18.00 per month on December 6, 1899.

A Junior Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized January 21, 1899.

On March 6, 1899, J. F. Schoenberger was elected assistant to the Financial Secretary of the congregation, to assist in the collection of church dues.

Elder Daniel S. Klein departed this life March 31, 1899, after having served in this capacity since the organization of the congregation, with the exception of the period from December 19, 1888, to June 9, 1890, during which time he lived in the West. At the regular monthly meeting of the consistory on April 3, 1899, the following resolution was adopted :

*"Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the excellent Christian character and uniform exemplary life of our departed brother Daniel S. Klein, who served as Elder during the entire time of his connection with St. Stephen's congregation, and was Treasurer for eight years.\* He was one of the first members, and from the beginning to the end of his connection with the congregation was always willing and ready to engage in every good work."*

The vacancies caused by his death were filled by the election of J. Frederick Gerhard as Elder and Treasurer.

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\* He also served as Secretary of the consistory from March 1884, to February 7, 1887, and from July 6, 1890, to February 2, 1891, when he was elected Treasurer ; and as Financial Secretary of the consistory from February 7, 1887, to September 9, 1888.

In the "Annual Visitor" of April 3, 1899, the pastor writes thus about the new church :

"It is no longer a dream, but a reality. For years we waited for it. At last we were compelled to undertake its erection, and now the chapel and basement are completed. It is a great satisfaction that it answers our purpose so well. The longer we use it the better we like it. It was not built for appearance, but for use. Every inch of ground was carefully considered, and the edifice planned so that it might answer all legitimate church purposes. So far our expectations have been more than realized. The building fully meets our necessities, and seems to embody every convenience that a modern church is expected to have.

"We, of course, also consider it a handsome structure. We tried to make it as beautiful as possible without being extravagant, believing that beauty costs nothing except brains, patient effort and experience. Our architect did his part nobly, and the contractor has done equally well.

"But whilst we thought we were getting a beautiful church, we were not prepared for the high appreciation with which our efforts have been received by the community. Again and again we have been assured by friends, who have come and told us, that we have one of the finest churches in Reading; that as to beauty of design and architectural symmetry it has no superior in town. We think so, and we are glad that others are of the same opinion. On the day on which we held our opening services, a prominent member of one of the downtown churches said to the pastor: 'I consider this the best arranged Sunday school chapel in Reading.'"

On April 23, 1899, at a special meeting of the consistory, Edwin F. Feather, Charles L. Moll, Hiram K. Ritter and Albert M. Weyandt



were appointed an auditing committee to audit the account of Dr. John K. Seaman, Treasurer of the Building Fund. At the regular meeting of the consistory held May 3, 1899, they submitted their report, as follows :

READING, PA., APRIL 27, 1899.

*To the Consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church :*

We, the undersigned committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer of the Building Fund of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, beg leave to report that we have attended to this matter and find that their accounts agree, and we submit the following statement:

Total receipts, including loan ..... \$21,110 89

Total expenditures, as per vouchers..... 20,481 89

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Balance in Treasurer's hands.....\$ 629 00

Respectfully yours,

EDWIN F. FEATHER,

CHARLES L. MOLL,

ALBERT M. WEYANDT,

H. K. RITTER,

*Committee.*

On November 1, 1899, the consistory decided to take an additional insurance of \$10,000 on the church.

The completed church was dedicated on Sunday, November 19, 1899. We select the following account of the services from the full report given in "The Reading Eagle":



"The morning service began at ten o'clock. The rain interfered little with the size of the assemblage, for empty seats were scarce. On the pulpit platform were the pastor, Rev. O. H. Strunck and Rev. Madison C. Peters, D. D., of New York. The floral decorations were simple, but pretty, consisting of vases of choice cut flowers on the super-altar, potted chrysanthemums on the pulpit platform, and palms and creeping vines and smilax in the baptismal font, and within the chancel railing. Milton J. Collier was chairman of the decorating committee.

"The choir sang the anthem, 'O Be Joyful.' The organist was J. Wilson Klein. St. Stephen's mixed orchestra accompanied the organ and singing. C. G. Grube and Ernest Artz were the cornetists; Herbert Miller, Warren Barto, Robert DeLong, violinists; F. Portz, trombonist; John Gerhard, clarionetist. The twenty-six vocalists were: Sopranos, Bertha Doyle, Gertrude Bickel, Mary Boyer, Carrie Boyer, Laura Grove, H. Grove, Ella Green, Gertrude Collier, Lillie Peter, Sallie Miller, Stella Miller, Rosa Drexel; altos, Hattie Millard, Eva Gehret, Mrs. Ella Moyer, Norah Miller, Laura Portz, Annie Faust, May Peter; tenors, R. Tragle, D. B. Kline, Zacharias Kline; basses, Edmund Albright, Edwin Mersinger, Fred. Richardson, Reuben Strauss.

"An invocation followed, read by the pastor. Congregation and minister kneeling, repeated in unison the confession.

"The first congregational hymn was 'Gloria in Excelsis.' The 96th Psalm was said antiphonally. The hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty' was heartily rendered.

"Rev. Mr. Strunck read the Gospel and epistle lessons for the day. They are found in St. Matthew 25: 31-46 and 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-10. The words were closely followed. The prayers were then read by Dr. Gerhard, and at the close of each the 'Amen' was repeated in unison.

"Miss Bertha Doyle sang the soprano solo, 'O Salutaris Hostia.'

"Rev. Dr. Peters was at his best. He spoke thirty-five minutes, and, as is his custom, he was blunt in his remarks. The speaker went for the polished, indifferent pastor, and praised the live, practical, sociable clergyman. He said in part:

" 'The church is a prime necessity in every community where it is either pleasant or safe to live. Reading could do without pavements or street cars, electric lights and water works, parks and libraries, better without all these things than without its churches. If the church exercised her full power in this community, your criminal courts would be closed, your jail might be locked and your policeman would be a needless official. The money you have spent on this church is money just as really spent upon yourself as though you put it into clothes or a house for yourself. The money you have put into this church goes to establish the safe order of good society on which we all depend for security and happiness. The money you have put into this church is not a charity; it is given to your business as really as though you put into stocks.

" 'An infidel young lawyer, going to the West to settle for life, made it his boast that he "would locate in some place where there were no churches, Sunday schools or Bibles." He found a place that substantially met his conditions. But before the year was out, he wrote to a former classmate, a young minister, begging him to come out and bring plenty of Bibles, and begin preaching, and start a Sunday school, for, he said, he had "become convinced that a place without Christians, and Sabbaths, and churches, and Bibles, was too much like hell for any living man to stay in."

" 'There is very little hostility to religion, very few people would crush it out if they could. The Church which has preserved Christianity has made man's civili-

zation what it is, and his salvation what it may be. Our progressive civilization has been brought about by that genius which the Church has nurtured and developed in man. I desire to speak especially of men's indifference to the Church. More than one-half of the inhabitants of this country do not attend church except possibly to attend a funeral or witness a wedding. Why do so many people stand aloof from the church? Many pews are empty because there are so many empty pulpits. The world does not want for preachers, but it is in need of the right kind. The preacher ought to be a voice, and not merely an echo. A sermon can be put into a jacket so tight as to crush all the life out of it. While we need preachers who are not corpses, we also need churches which are not tombs. We need more sociability in our churches. Hand-shaking is a means of grace. The world needs nothing more than it needs gentleness and love. Many who have plunged into the depths could be saved if some one would only stretch out the hand and make them feel the touch of tenderness. No doubt many workingmen stand aloof from the church because of the indifference which society feels towards their fate. Many workingmen are incensed at the manner in which some employers of labor keep up their fortunes. Conditions prevail in this country which ought not, and which will be righted through the influence of the church, and not by opposing her. The church has no doubt been sadly affected by this element of social grievance and frequent misunderstanding consequent upon frequent misrepresentation. The church did not create the wrongs which afflict society, and, although she does not do her full duty to destroy the wrongs, the church stands as the great friend of the workingman. The Sabbath is dependent for its survival on the religious sanction of the community. When that religious sanction is gone, it will only be a question of time when the day will go too, and the work-

ingmen who now neglect the Sabbath and have no use for the church need not be surprised if in time they will be compelled to work seven days in a week for six days' wages. The greatest event for any man is the awakening of his conscience. Here is the real meaning of the service of the sanctuary. There is in every man a hidden kinship with something nobler than this fleeting and worldly life. That latent ability wants the stir of the service of God's house. These hymns of praise and prayers on the lips of multitudes will awaken your nobler nature, soothe you in your sorrows, heal your heartaches and inspire you to nobler deeds than you have ever dared.'

"Rev. Dr. Gerhard made a financial statement. He said that the lot, the cost of the old structure and the new church represented a value of \$40,000. The present building, with contents, cost \$28,000. The sum of \$21,500 had been paid. There was a mortgage of some thousands of dollars and \$5,500 unprovided for. He asked that this latter sum be made up at the day's services. Rev. Mr. Strunck, Dr. Gerhard said, would make the appeal for this money.

"By the time the dedicatory services were a page in history, the audience was of the opinion that this minister was the best money-getter in the Reformed denomination. He sent the pastor, ushers and leading communicants throughout the audience to get subscriptions, and then began his pleadings. He illustrated the blessedness of giving to religion and the rewards for being liberal. He had his auditors in good humor from the start, and the subscriptions came rolling in. The total amount raised in the morning in subscriptions and cash contributions was \$4,500 and for the whole day it amounted to \$6,150.

"The Lord's Prayer; anthem, 'Te Deum;' hymn, 'From All That Dwell Below the Skies,' doxology and benediction completed the morning service.

"A regular Sunday school session was held at 2 P. M.



"A mass meeting of the Reformed and other churches commenced at 3.15 P. M. and lasted several hours.

"The devotional services were as follows: Anthem, 'Ye That Stand in the House of the Lord,' by Spinney, choir; congregational hymn, 'When the Faithful Were Assembled;' 27th Psalm said antiphonally; lessons; 'Gloria Patri;' Apostles' Creed; general prayer, Rev. B. Bausman, D. D.; hymn, 'Abide Among Us With Thy Grace.' They were conducted by Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D. D., of St. John's Reformed Church.

"The first address of the afternoon was made by Rev. Henry Mosser, D. D., of the First Reformed Church. He based his remarks on the words found in the fifth verse of the 137th Psalm: 'If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.' The church, he said, stood in the same relation to the Christian to-day as did Jerusalem at that time. Just as the church of Israel found Jerusalem to be the true symbol of all that was dear, so St. Stephen's Church is a symbol of the worship and the presence of God to-day. Just as Jerusalem was a reality, so the devotion in the house of God must be a reality to the Christian to-day. The church, aside from being a reality, is a power in the world, and stands as the exponent of the great kingdom of God. Every member of the church is an empire builder, and, if he be a true Christian, is an active, earnest worker in the cause of Christ.

"Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., of the Second Church, brought greetings from his congregation, and rejoiced with them in the fact that another substantial monument had been erected in honor of the Great King. Reading now has some sixty of these monuments, and each stands as a distinct recognition of true Christianity which pervades the community.

"The anthem, 'O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord,' by Barnes, was sung.



"After the address by Rev. O. H. Strunck, the subscriptions were received and the collection lifted. The hymn, 'The Church's One Foundation,' was rendered. The choir of the Second Church assisted in the musical part of the service. The congregation was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Strunck.

"The splendid auditorium made a fine appearance in the evening under the lustre emitted by the scores of incandescent lights. The building was crowded.

"The choir charmingly rendered the anthem, 'O, How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings.' Rev. Mr. Gerhard read the invocation.

"The hymn, 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken,' was sung by the congregation. The 84th Psalm was repeated antiphonally.

"The pastor read 1st Kings 8: 1-34 as the lesson. The 'Gloria Patri,' Apostles' Creed and the prayers followed in that order. The hymn, 'Father, Son and Spirit, Hear,' was rendered by the congregation. Miss Bertha Doyle gave a vocal solo, 'Abide With Me,' in melodious tones.

"Rev. George W. Richards, Professor of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, was to preach in the evening, but because of serious illness in his family he was unable to be present. Rev. H. Y. Stoner, a 'son of St. Stephen's Church,' preached in his stead.

"Rev. Mr. Stoner's text was Nehemiah 2: 10, 'There was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.'

"After saying that all Christian people were rejoicing at the erection of this edifice, he proceeded to describe some of the weaknesses of the Church to-day. He declared that into the work of Christianity should be thrown all the power that Christ can and does bestow for the elevation of humanity for a higher standard of Christianity. Do not only bring here your good will and prayers, but

your labor and your dollars. The speaker drew a picture of what sorrow sin can bring into a home. If we are Christians of the right kind, we will do something to purify and lift up such homes. We must not only have the thought to work for the saving of souls, but a determined mind to do it. Having grand ideas is not sufficient. We must crystallize them. If a man has faith and an indomitable self-will he can accomplish what seems to be impossible. But with God it is possible. We must be fearless. Like Nehemiah, we must be governors and guard against the sinful powers from without that come to dethrone the temple of God. An indispensable essential is character. Salvation, if it be anything, is character. If we wish to be saved we must have a certain character. We must have holiness and purity. We must acquire a taste for that goodness necessary to enjoy the Holy Spirit.

"Rev. Mr. Stoner declared that the church must combat the assaults of worldliness, indifference and sin. He said that religion was losing its grip on the masses. He asked why? Not because the music is not pleasing. Not because there is no ability in preachers. Not because the ministers are not pure. The reason, he asserted, was that the church does not take hold of the children. We must have practical, earnest Christianity in the home. We should give the boys and girls such a start that no bad influences can move them when they grow up. We must work among them all the time. One hour a week at Sunday school is not sufficient for their Christian cultivation, and to safeguard them against the evils of this world.

"Rev. Mr. Stoner declared the church is not awake and up and doing. There should be more Nehemiahs—fearless, resolute, earnest, upright, Christian, brave, liberal, prayerful men. Then the church will make greater strides. He trusted that St. Stephen's Church contained many Nehemiahs, who would do the will of God.

"After the 'Gloria Tibi,' the Lord's Prayer was recited in unison, when Rev. Mr. Strunck resumed his appeals for subscriptions. While the offering was being taken, the choir sang 'O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem' with fine effect.

"Rev. Dr. Gerhard said a few words, in which he expressed his gratification with the large attendance, the success of the services, the beauty of the church, and praised the congregation by saying that he never asked them for anything that they did not cheerfully give. He thanked the members and friends of St. Stephen's for their interest in the affair.

"The solemn act of consecration then took place. The pastor read the sacred words, as follows:

" 'The congregation who are here assembled, having erected this house for the worship of God, we now set it apart from all common and secular use, and, under the name of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., do hereby consecrate it to the worship of the Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

"The concluding features were prayers, the hymn 'Oh, Bow Thine Ear, Eternal One,' doxology and benediction.

"Donations and presentations were as follows: Large window of the Marys at the empty tomb of Christ, with angel pointing upward, on the Ninth Street side, Mrs. C. S. Gerhard and family, in memory of her father, Benneville A. Glase; window to the left of the Marys, Sunday School, in memory of Daniel S. Klein, Assistant Superintendent and Elder; window to the right of the Marys, Ladies' Guild; window of St. Stephen, in pulpit recess, Geo. F. Lance, in memory of his daughter, Erminie Lance; altar, Mrs. C. S. Gerhard's Sunday School Class, in memory of Vanie Buckley Davis, a deceased member of the class; one of the pulpit chairs, Mrs. Susan Drexel's Sunday School Class; bookmarkers for lecturn and pulpit Bibles, Mrs. George B. Price and daughter; polished cross on al-

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tar, S. B. McCleas & Co., of Philadelphia; transom over main entrance door on Ninth Street, Junior Christian Endeavor Society; transom over main entrance door on Greenwich Street, Senior Christian Endeavor Society; tower windows on Ninth Street, Emma L. Westley; tower windows on Greenwich Street side, Elizabeth M. Wanner.

"The architecture of the auditorium is unlike any, in many respects, in Reading, and its massive open ceiling, magnificently carved altar, pulpit, lecturn, chairs, pretty pews, artistic oak wainscoting, exquisite windows, neat walls, fine chandeliers, perfect acoustic properties, roomy choir recess and conveniences combine to make a model of its style."

During the week following the dedication special services were held every evening.

On Monday evening the sermon was preached by Rev. John Philip Stein, pastor of St. Thomas' Reformed Church.

Rev. D. W. Gerhard, pastor of Salem Reformed Church, near Lancaster, brother of Dr. C. S. Gerhard, preached on Tuesday evening. Among other things he said:

"God's people have always found it necessary to take part in the services of the sanctuary. It is true, as is sometimes said, that we can pray and read our Bibles at home, but experience shows that those who do this most diligently are those who are also most regular in attendance upon public worship. It is necessary, in order to hasten our growth in grace. I congratulate the pastor and members of this congregation upon the splendid edi-



fice which has been here erected. You are now equipped to do effective work. I pray God's blessings upon your labors."

On Wednesday evening Rev. Jas. R. Brown, pastor of the Schwarzwald Charge, occupied the pulpit. His text was Hebrews 10: 25, and he said in part:

"Some people move along the line of least resistance, some along the line of the greatest attraction, and some along the line of the strongest propulsion. This applies to church attendance. Some go because others go. The easiest and most natural thing is to go with their friends and acquaintances. Others go because they are attracted by the music, and other inducements. Then finally are those who feel themselves propelled by an inward feeling. They go because they want to go and worship the Lord. We ought to go to church, in order that we may help to keep up the external organization, to improve ourselves, and to help in this way by our example and influence to benefit others."

On Thursday evening the sermon was preached by Rev. W. Glase Gerhard, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, a son of Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, preached on Friday evening.

On Sunday evening, November 26, 1899, the pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., began a series of special sermons, preaching on "An Open Door." His text was 1 Corinthians 16:



9, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me." A brief outline of the sermon follows :

"The door of St. Stephen's is open to all its members, and is a continual challenge to them to attend services regularly. It is open to all devout Christians, who are the salt of the earth; to the ungodly, that they may come in and be converted; to the rich and the poor, and the substantial middle class. In the text the open door signifies opportunities for work. These abound on all sides. Christ is the door of salvation. Sin has shut up heaven against man. Christ opened it to all believers. Some day the door will be shut. Enter it while it is open."

At the consistory meeting held December 6, 1899, a new order of service was adopted, as follows :

#### MORNING SERVICE.

*Anthem, or Organ Voluntary.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Dearly beloved in the Lord: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before Him, and confess our sins with lowly and contrite hearts, that we may obtain forgiveness of the same through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Here the minister and congregation shall kneel and repeat in unison the following confession :)

Our Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against Thee and are not worthy to be called Thy children. We acknowledge the waywardness of our hearts, the perverseness of our wills, the vanity of our minds, and

the shortcomings and transgressions which so frequently bear witness against us. But Thou art good and gracious to those who repent of their sins and trust in Thy mercy. We, therefore, humbly beseech Thee to deliver us from the guilt and impurity of our sins, granting us power to overcome and abandon them, that we may serve Thee with cheerful and quiet minds, and share in all the consolations of Thy Spirit, through Thy dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Then shall the minister rise and pronounce to the congregation, still kneeling, the following declaration of pardon :)

Our Father in heaven, who of His great mercy has promised forgiveness to all who turn unto Him with hearty repentance and true faith, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria in Excelsis, or other Chant.*

(Then shall be said antiphonally a selection from the Psalms.)

*Hymn.*

*Reading of the Lessons.*

*Gloria Patri.*

*Apostles' Creed.*

*M.*—Lord, we believe.

*C.*—Help Thou, O Lord, our unbelief.

*M.*—The Lord be with you.

*C.*—And with thy Spirit.

*General Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

*Sermon.*

*Kyrie—*

O God, the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

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O God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Prayer, Closing with Lord's Prayer.*

*Anthem.—Offering.*

*Offertory Hymn—*

Praise to God, immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days;  
Bounteous source of ev'ry joy,  
Let Thy praise our tongues employ;  
All to Thee, O God, we owe,  
Source whence all our blessings flow.

*Announcements.*

*Closing Hymn.*

*Doxology and Benediction.*

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EVENING SERVICE.

*Hymn.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Let us pray:* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that being delivered from every unholy motion of the flesh and spirit, we may perfectly love Thee, with a pure heart and sanctified lips worship Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Then shall be said antiphonally a selection from the Psalms.)

*Hymn.*

*Reading of the Lessons.*

*Gloria Patri.—Apostles' Creed.*

*M.—*The Lord be with you.

*C.—*And with thy Spirit.

*Let us pray :*

*M.*—Create in us a clean heart, O God :

*C.*—And renew a right spirit within us.

*M.*—Cast us not away from Thy presence :

*C.*—And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

*General Prayer.*

*Hymn.*

*Sermon.*

*Gloria Tibi—*

Glory be to Thee,

Glory be to Thee, to Thee, O Lord.

*Prayer.*

*Anthem.—Offering.*

*Offertory Hymn—*

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be :

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

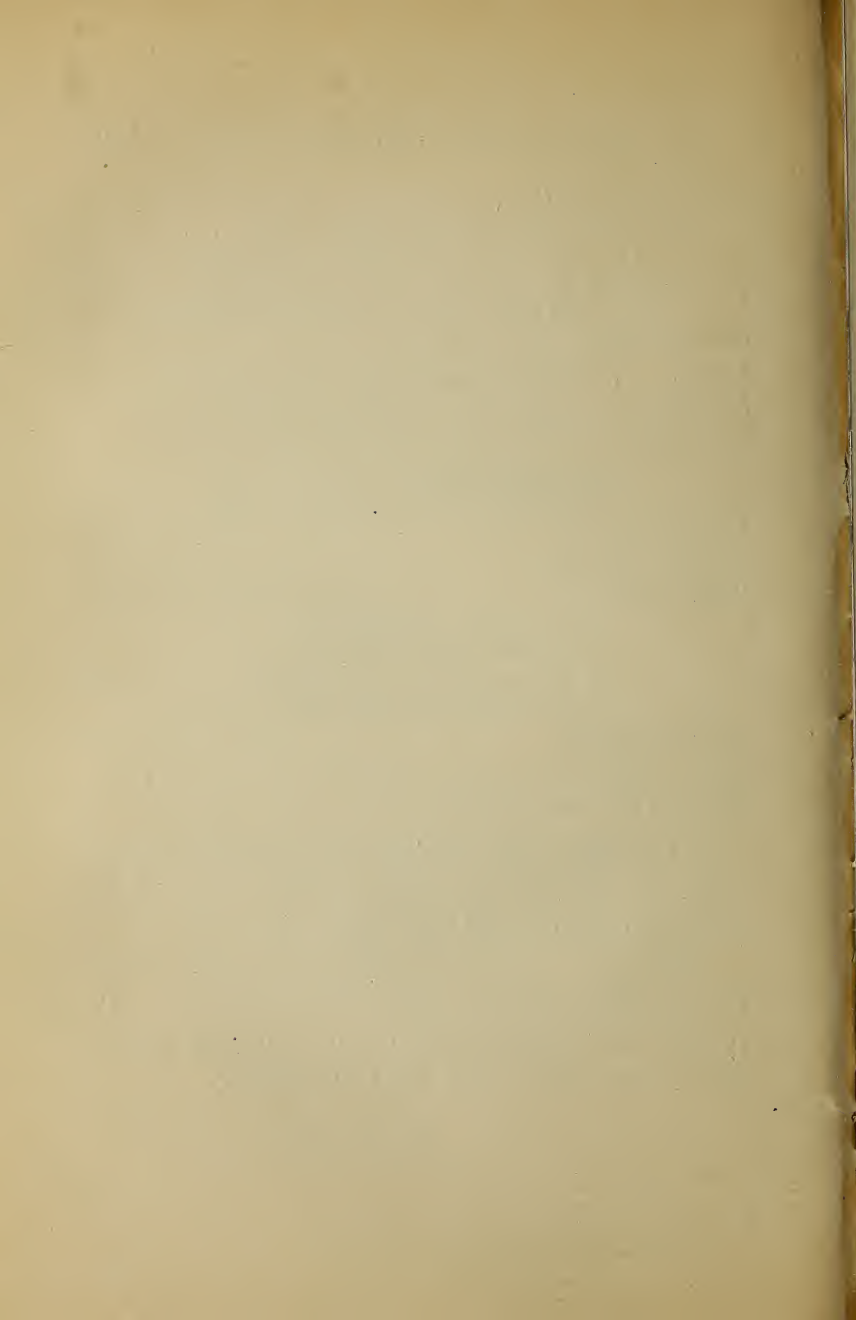
*Announcements.*

*Closing Hymn.*

*Doxology and Benediction*

The above order of services, together with a selection of Psalms, was printed in pamphlet form and distributed among the members.

The new church was greatly appreciated by the members and friends of St. Stephen's, and it gave the congregation a most complete equipment to do great work for the Master.





## CHAPTER VII

### A PERIOD OF SORROW



THE next three years in the history of St. Stephen's formed a period of sorrow. The pastor had carefully supervised the erection of the church, but he had built his life into the church. By exposure and overwork he undermined his health, and he was permitted to enjoy the new church with his people for but a few brief years.

At the congregational meeting on January 17, 1900, it was decided that young men should be appointed as ushers at the church services.\*

At the sixteenth anniversary on Sunday, March 18, 1900, the membership of the congregation was 702, and that of the Sunday School 794.

In the "Annual Visitor" of April 16, 1900, the pastor wrote a brief article entitled "What Next?" It reads as follows:

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\* At the regular consistory meeting, November 7, 1900, it was decided to discontinue the ushering by young men, and the deacons again assumed that duty. But on January 2, 1901, an action was passed by the consistory that ushers be appointed, to be under the supervision of the deacons. The first to be appointed in accordance with this resolution were Bright R. Sonen and Benjamin Zweitzig.

"A place of worship is necessary. A handsome, convenient church edifice is desirable. A fine new church is encouraging. But to be in possession of the right sort of a building does not in itself insure success. The building is only a means to an end. It is the body which is to enshrine a living soul. It is a help towards the performance of our duty. A commodious new church brings increased responsibilities. It challenges us anew to greater faithfulness in church and Sunday school attendance, in taking a hearty interest in all the various operations with which we are necessarily identified, and in living lives of fuller consecration."

In the spring of 1900 Dr. Gerhard was ill, and at a special meeting of the consistory held at the pastor's residence, May 6, 1900, he was granted a vacation for an indefinite period, or so long as might be necessary for the recuperation of his health. Elder H. K. Ritter was elected president of the consistory until the pastor's return. The pastor again presided at the meeting of the consistory on the evening of September 5, 1900, and resumed his regular pastoral work, having greatly benefitted by his season of rest and recreation.

At the regular consistory meeting, March 6, 1901, it was decided to use unfermented wine thereafter at the communion services.

The pastor and his family were called upon to pass through the deep shadows of the valley

of affliction and sorrow. The oldest son, W. Glase Gerhard, who had served in the Christian ministry for three years, having been pastor of the Reformed Church at Hummelstown, Pa., and of St. John's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and having given promise of a bright career in the Gospel ministry, fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, July 22, 1901, at the age of 29 years and 5 days. Seven weeks later, September 10, 1901, the next oldest son, John M. Gerhard, who had been a promising business man and had rendered useful service as a lay worker in his father's congregation, followed his brother to the eternal home, at the age of 27 years, 10 months and 26 days.\*

The congregation and the whole community, as well as the Church at large, sympathized with the family in their double bereavement, and many expressions of condolence were received by the latter.

When the church was dedicated, November 19, 1899, the large memorial window on the Ninth Street side was placed as already indi-

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\* The window donated by the Ladies' Guild, referred to on page 101, was inscribed to the memory of W. Glase Gerhard and John M. Gerhard, after they had passed away.

cated in the account of the dedication services, but the space for a similar window on the Greenwich Street side was still vacant. On April 30, 1901, the consistory decided to raise a sufficient amount to purchase a memorial window for the Greenwich Street side. The central portion of the window, representing "Christ in Gethsemane," was placed there in honor of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., by the Ladies' Aid Society. The panel to the left of the central design was provided for by Mr. E. H. Moyer, in memory of Joseph A. Leinbach; and the one to the right was presented by the choir.

The following items will be of interest, because they have reference to the above donations.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the consistory, November 6, 1901, and forwarded to Mr. E. H. Moyer:

"At a regular meeting of the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, held on Wednesday, November 6, 1901, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

*"Resolved,* That we return our sincere thanks to Mr. Edward H. Moyer for his liberality and generosity in donating, with others, the beautiful memorial window in our church on Greenwich Street, in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Leinbach.

*“Resolved, That we highly appreciate this neighborly act of kindness and heartily reciprocate the good will thereby manifested.”*

At the meeting of the consistory held March 5, 1902, the following communication from the choir was read and adopted :

READING, PA., MARCH 2, 1902.

*To the Consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church :*

On Sunday morning, February 23, 1902, the following action was unanimously passed by the choir of St. Stephen's Reformed Church :

Inasmuch as Mr. Andrew Carnegie has promised to donate a pipe organ to our church, therefore

*Resolved, That the one thousand dollars raised by the choir for an organ be devoted to the Building Fund.*

*Resolved, That two hundred dollars be used to pay for the unnamed window on Greenwich Street.*

J. WILSON KLEIN, *Organist.*

The pastor being in feeble health, the consistory at the regular meeting held April 2, 1902, granted him a vacation of six months. Elder H. K. Ritter was appointed by the pastor to serve as president of the consistory during his absence.

On May 9, 1902, the consistory decided to fresco the church at the time the organ is installed, provided the Ladies' Aid Society pay for the same. At the same meeting the organist's salary was increased \$25.00, making it \$200 a year.



Dr. Gerhard was elected president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States at Tiffin, Ohio, May 23, 1899. One of his last public acts was to preside at the opening of the General Synod at Baltimore, Md., May 20, 1902, when he preached a sermon on "How Can the Church Best Meet the Spiritual Needs of the Age?" It was based on Acts 6: 5, "And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost."

This sermon, which aroused considerable opposition because of its advanced views, was afterward published in pamphlet form and widely circulated. It is a masterly discourse and expresses the mature views of the author on theological, biblical and scientific, as well as on practical, questions. He outlined his sermon thus :

"I have selected as my subject the question : How can the Church best meet the spiritual needs of the age? My answer is: First, by awakening spiritual life in individuals and families. Secondly, by furnishing opportunities for the development of this life. Thirdly, by helping this spiritual life to become so powerful and active that its possessors will be able to see beyond the things of sense and time into the heavenly realities of the world to come."

The pastor and his family spent the summer of 1902 at Pocono Pines, on the summit of the Pocono Mountains, in the hope that his shattered health might be improved. But with heavy hearts they returned home the latter part of August, realizing that the days of the pastor's activity were almost at an end.

During Dr. Gerhard's absence from his congregation the pulpit was supplied by Mr. Calvin M. DeLong, of Topton, Pa., a student in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

The consistory held a special meeting, August 17, 1902, to arrange for a reception to be given the pastor and his family. Elder Milton J. Coller and Deacon Cuvier G. Grube were appointed a committee of arrangements.

At the regular meeting of the consistory on August 27, 1902, the pastor informed the consistory that his health would not permit him to perform all the work required in the congregation. After a full and amicable discussion of the matter, at the pastor's own wish and expressed desire, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*"Resolved,* That our pastor, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., be, and hereby is, constituted Pastor Emeritus of

St. Stephen's Reformed congregation, at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum, it being understood that this arrangement is to go into effect whenever the new pastor is elected and enters upon his work."

On Sunday morning, September 7, 1902, Dr. Gerhard was greeted by a large congregation when he preached for the first time since his return from his vacation. The church was beautifully decorated with tropical plants and flowers. Behind the pulpit in large letters were the words "Welcome Home."

Dr. Gerhard preached on "The True Destiny of Man," his text being taken from Matthew 12: 12, "How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days." Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Miller occupied the pulpit in the evening.

A special meeting of the consistory was held September 7, 1902, when it was decided to invite Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, pastor of Solomon's Reformed Church, Macungie, Pa., to preach for the congregation on Sunday, September 21, 1902.\*

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\* Rev. Mr. Dickert had preached as a supply for Dr. Gerhard on Sunday morning, September 22, 1901, on "Spiritual Satisfaction," using as a text Psalm 17: 15.

On Wednesday evening, September 10, 1902, a reception was given to the pastor and family, and a farewell was tendered to Mr. Calvin M. DeLong.

Mr. Dickert preached trial sermons at the morning and evening services of September 21, 1902, just one year after he had temporarily filled the pulpit at a Sunday morning service. In the morning he preached on "The Shepherd and the Sheep," based on John 10: 14-16. His evening theme was "The Bible and the Daily Life," using as a text Joshua 1: 8.

After the evening service the consistory held a special meeting and placed Mr. Dickert in nomination to be voted for by the congregation at a special congregational meeting to be held October 5, 1902. At the same meeting the consistory decided to pay \$1,000 on the church debt, which left the indebtedness resting on the building \$13,000.

The Mission Band was organized October 4, 1902.

The election for pastor was held at a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday morning, October 5, 1902. The tellers were Elder Joseph R. Roth and Deacon Albert M. Wey-

andt from the consistory, and Messrs. Thomas E. Hughes and Edwin F. Feather from the congregation. Rev. Thomas W. Dickert was declared elected, and at a special meeting of the consistory held after the evening service it was decided to extend a call to Rev. Mr. Dickert.

After prayerful consideration Rev. Thomas W. Dickert accepted the call extended to him, stating that he would be prepared to take up the work at St. Stephen's on November 1, 1902. Because of the inability of the pastor to conduct the fall communion services, Rev. Mr. Dickert officiated at both services, October 12, 1902.

The new relation of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., and Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, as pastor emeritus and pastor respectively, was to go into effect November 1, 1902, but on October 29, 1902, the pastor emeritus was called to his eternal reward at the age of 57 years and 26 days.

His departure cast a gloom over the congregation and community. The consistory held a special meeting the following day and elected Elder M. J. Collier as president. Rev. Thomas W. Dickert was present and offered prayer. It was decided that the church be draped for thirty days, and that all rehearsals, entertainments



and suppers be suspended during that period. The consistory decided to secure as a design for the funeral a cross and crown about four feet in height.

The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, November 3, 1902, at 1.30 o'clock, at the house. Before this hour hundreds of people viewed the remains. Dr. L. K. Derr offered the invocation and read a Scripture passage, and Dr. H. Mosser offered prayer, after which the cortege proceeded to St. Stephen's Church, where further services were held. The members of the consistory served as pall-bearers from the house to the church: Joseph R. Roth, Hiram K. Ritter, Milton J. Collier, J. Fred. Gerhard, elders; Lemon H. Hertz, Cuvier G. Grube, Dr. W. D. DeLong, Samuel P. Faust, Albert M. Weyandt, Thomas Z. Bright, deacons. The bearers from the church to the cemetery were Revs. H. Y. Stoner, Dr. J. W. Steinmetz, Profs. Wm. Rupp, D. D., and J. C. Bowman, D. D., of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, Dr. E. N. Kremer, of Harrisburg, and Dr. C. Clever, of Baltimore.

Every seat in the large church and Sunday school chapel was occupied, and some persons

could not enter. The large audience included many members of the congregation and Sunday school, who had come to pay the last tribute of respect to their beloved pastor, and it was a touching sight as one by one they filed past the remains to take a last look at his calm and peaceful features. Among those present were some sixty Reformed ministers and a considerable number of ministers of various other denominations of the city. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer announced a hymn, Rev. Thomas W. Dickert read a Scripture lesson and Rev. H. Y. Stoner led in prayer. Rev. Dr. R. W. Miller spoke on 2 Chronicles 31 : 21, and recounted the good qualities of the departed. He was followed by Rev. Dr. G. W. Richards. Dr. B. Bausman spoke on 1 John 3 : 2. Dr. J. W. Steinmetz led in prayer and Rev. C. E. Creitz announced a hymn. Rev. B. T. Callen read the action of the Ministerial Association of Reading and Rev. C. E. Schaeffer read the resolutions adopted by Reading Classis. Dr. J. P. Stein read a biographical sketch of the deceased. Interment was made in Charles Evans Cemetery. Rev. Thomas W. Dickert and Dr. B. Bausman conducted the services at the grave.

If Dr. Gerhard could have remained two days longer, he would have completed nineteen years of his pastorate at St. Stephen's. During this time he received 1,207 members by confirmation, renewed profession and certificate; baptized 498 children; buried 159 persons, and had 160 weddings. He left a membership of about 750 in the congregation and 860 in the Sunday school.

The esteem in which Dr. Gerhard was held is shown by the many tributes of respect which were presented by the various organizations with which he was identified. We feel that these are of permanent value, and that they have a proper place in this history. We give them in the order in which we had published them in "The Christian Visitor" for April, 1903.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S CONSISTORY.

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God our beloved pastor, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., departed this life on the morning of October 29, 1902, and

WHEREAS, We desire to record the high regard in which he was held, the deep sense of our loss, and the tender sympathy which we feel towards the bereaved family; therefore, we, the members of the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed congregation, submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble and trustful submission to the will of an all-wise and loving Providence, with

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the firm assurance that He doeth all things well, and that all things work together for good to them that love Him.

*Resolved*, That in our departed pastor we recognize a man of exceptional character and worth, a profound scholar, an enthusiastic searcher after truth, an efficient minister of the Gospel, and a conscientious and devoted Christian; that we testify to his life of eminent usefulness and service; his loyalty and devotion to his congregation; his wise and efficient counsel in the administration of its affairs; his earnest activity in promoting the spiritual life and progress of the church. We are assured that the influence of his life and teachings will abide with us until we shall be called home to meet him.

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family.

*Resolved, furthermore*, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes and an engrossed copy be sent to the bereaved family, and that they be published in the various Church papers.

SAMUEL P. FAUST,  
HIRAM K. RITTER,  
W. D. DELONG,  
*Committee.*

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### ST. STEPHEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

At a meeting of St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School held November 9, 1902, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove by death our beloved pastor, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., who during life endeared himself to us by his love, gentleness and wise counsel, and in death merits such tribute of respect and expression of regret as will manifest our appreciation of the irreparable loss which we have sustained; we therefore assemble to pay our last sad tribute to the memory of the departed.

*Resolved*, That we deeply deplore his departure. We shall miss his pleasant greetings and friendly interest in our school; he was cheerful and hopeful; his presence alone was an inspiration and an encouragement in the performance of every duty. In precept and example he always led towards the cross and the love of God that every heart might become a treasure-casket where God's love is cherished! The love that is forgiving when the past comes before us, the love that shields when temptations fly at us, the love that has open arms of rest at the journey's end.

*Resolved*, That we sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family at the departure of a loving and devoted husband and kind father, and commend them to the Eternal Source of comfort and consolation for those who mourn their dead.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes and an engrossed copy be presented to the bereaved family.

G. B. KOSTENBADER,  
EDWIN F. FEATHER,  
MRS. SUSAN R. SMITH,  
*Committee.*

#### LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, God in His all-wise Providence has by death called from our midst our beloved pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., and

WHEREAS, Rev. Gerhard was one of the original members of the Society and attended all its meetings as long as he was able, and by his watchful care and wise counsel contributed largely to the success of the Society; therefore

*Resolved*, That while we deeply mourn the death of the departed, we bow in humble resignation to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

*Resolved*, That in the death of our beloved pastor, in the midst of his useful life, this Society has lost its most



devoted and faithful member, whose memory will long be cherished with the fondest recollections.

*Resolved*, That the sympathy of the Society be extended to the bereaved family, and these resolutions be spread on the minutes and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, to the "Reformed Church Messenger" and the "Reading Daily Eagle" for publication.

MRS. D. S. SCHAEFFER,

MRS. J. F. GERHARD,

MRS. J. K. SEAMAN,

*Committee.*

### READING CLASSIS.

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God our beloved brother, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., departed this life on the morning of October 29, 1902; and

WHEREAS, We desire to record the high regard in which he was generally held, the deep sense of our loss, and the tender sympathy which we feel towards his bereaved family, therefore we, the members of Reading Classis, submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That we bow in humble and trustful submission to the will of an all-wise and all-kind Providence, with the firm assurance that He doeth all things well, and that all things work together for good to them that love God.

*Resolved*, That in our departed brother we recognize a man of exceptional character and worth; an able leader, a wise counsellor, a profound scholar, a progressive theologian, an efficient minister of the Gospel, and a conscientious and devoted Christian; that we testify to his life of eminent usefulness and service, his loyalty and devotion to the literary and benevolent institutions of the Church and efficient representation on its various boards; his broad and liberal spirit, and his earnest activity in promoting the spiritual life and progress of the commu-

nity in which he lived. We feel certain that such a life cannot be without its posthumous influence, and that the currents of life which he started here will not have spent their force on this side of eternity.

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family and household, and also to the congregation which he organized and served as pastor for nineteen years.

*Resolved, furthermore*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, to the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, and that they be published in the various papers of our Church.

C. E. SCHAEFFER,

C. E. CREITZ,

H. H. RANCK,

*Committee.*

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#### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF READING.

The Ministerial Association of Reading, Pa., assembled in special session on Friday, October 31, 1902, adopted the following memorial tribute to the Rev. Calvin Seibert Gerhard, D. D., and ordered that it be spread upon the minutes of the Association, and that a copy be furnished the bereaved family, and that it be published in the newspapers of the city:

The Ministerial Association of Reading, Pa., has learned with profound sorrow of the death on October 29, 1902, of the Rev. Calvin Seibert Gerhard, D. D., a brother minister dearly beloved by us, and a faithful and devoted member of our Association.

We recognized in Dr. Gerhard a man of more than ordinary attainments. To his life work in the Christian ministry he brought excellent natural endowment, a finely cultured mind and a heart warm with the love of Christ, all of which he fully consecrated to the service of his divine Lord and Master.

While we sorrow that our brother has departed this life, we rejoice in the life he lived among us, in the work he wrought and in the influence which will abide. The son of a minister of the Gospel, his more than thirty years of service in the Christian ministry attest the fact that he was an "able minister of the New Testament, approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

The crowning work of his eminently useful life was the organization and development of the St. Stephen's Reformed Church of this city. From a mission, without a church building, through his untiring devotion and indefatigable energy, it has grown, in comparatively few years, into one of the largest congregations, with one of the largest Sunday schools of this city, worshipping in one of the most modern, beautiful and well equipped church edifices, every part of this splendid sanctuary bearing the impress of his careful oversight and wise judgment. This church will abide as his best monument, and will perpetuate his godly influence to future generations. Arduous and multiplied as were his duties in connection with this large and influential church, his labors and influence were not confined to it alone.

As a citizen he was interested in everything that tended to the welfare of the community; as a member of the School Board of the city from 1885 to 1888 he was efficient and highly esteemed; as a preacher, though devoid of sensationalism, his lips were never closed nor his voice silent on questions relating to the moral welfare of the community. With the courage of his convictions in an earnest loving manner he presented the truth, and his public influence through it will abide.

He thought much and profoundly upon the great subjects of the Bible. The author of a work on "Death and the Resurrection," this faithful preacher died in full hope and confident expectation of a blissful immortality and a glorious resurrection.

To his sorrowing church and his sorely bereaved family we tender our sincere sympathy and pray that the Comforter may abide in their hearts, who is the witnesser of the glorious Gospel our brother so efficiently preached, and who is also the earnest of the inheritance incorruptible and undefiled.

B. T. CALLEN,  
JOHN G. BOOKER,  
W. R. TEMPLETON,  
*Committee.*

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church, held in Philadelphia, November 13, 1902, the following resolution was adopted, and I was instructed to send a copy to you:

In the death of the Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., this Board loses a most valued member, one to whom more than to any one else the Church is indebted for the organization of the Board in 1887 and for the successful inauguration of the general Sunday school work. He served as its president from 1887 to 1893. He attended all the meetings of the Board and the Prudential Committee, of which he was an invaluable member. Faithful and indefatigable in all work committed to him, a judicious and wise counsellor, a brother kindly and large-hearted in his views and dealings, we mourn his loss and place on record our appreciation of the splendid services rendered by him in the cause of Christian education and training through the Sunday school work of the Church. And we extend our heartfelt sympathy with our earnest prayers to his family in their great sorrow. May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ comfort and bless, and inspire others to follow the example of our beloved brother in his devotion to the general work of the Church.

With sincere sympathy, cordially yours,  
RUFUS W. MILLER, *Secretary.*

## BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Executive Council of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, at this its first meeting since the departure of our beloved brother, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., hereby puts upon record its appreciation of his faithfulness in service, his sound judgment and safe counsel, his warm-hearted sympathy with our missions and missionaries, and his deep interest and valuable aid in the work entrusted to this body.

We find from the minutes that the late Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., served on the Board of Missions from December, 1877, to December, 1881, and from November, 1889, until his departure from the scene of his labors to the "Father's House on High." During these seventeen years of service he endeared himself to the members of the Board, and by them was also held in high esteem.

Mingled with our sorrow is the pleasure and gratitude with which we note that he was present at the last regular meeting of this body, held in Lancaster on September 29. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We extend to his widow and sons our Christian sympathy, being thankful at the same time that their affliction is tempered by the knowledge that he whom they mourn, commanded by his virtues, talents and labors the esteem and affection of the large number of persons who came within the circle of his acquaintance, and that his memory will be cherished with peculiar affection by the large and flourishing congregation in whose service he spent the greater part of his faithful ministry.

By order of the Executive Council in session at Harrisburg, Pa., November 25, 1902.

Attest: ELLIS N. KREMER,

[SEAL]

*Secretary.*







Thomas W. Dickert-

## CHAPTER VIII

### A NEW PASTOR



THE first pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church was a far-sighted man. Long before the end of his earthly career came he had admonitions of its approach, and began to prepare for it. His chief concern was not for himself, but for his congregation. He was deeply concerned for the welfare of the congregation to which he had devoted the best part of his life, having been its pastor for almost nineteen years, and he felt constrained to assist the congregation in the choice of a pastor, although he did not coerce them in the matter, but left them free to choose for themselves.

We feel that the best account we can give of the choice of a pastor is that given by Dr. W. D. DeLong, a deacon of the congregation, in his contribution to the Chapter in "The Life of the Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D.," entitled "Dr. Gerhard as a Pastor," from which we quote the following paragraphs :

"When the proposition of a candidate for the active pastorate was in order, we found that he had given the

matter a great deal of thought and earnest prayer. Indeed, we discovered that, at the very beginning of his failing health, he had watched the career of a certain young man and had him preach for us a year before for the purpose, as we now believe, of getting the members of St. Stephen's to see and hear him. During his retirement in the Pocono Mountains he sent for this young man to have an interview with him in regard to his proposed plans. Upon his recommendation of the man for the place, he remarked, 'After serious consideration of each probable candidate for the place, my mind would always revert to the one upon whom my choice had fallen as best fitted for the position.'

"In consequence of his knowledge of the man, and in deference to his wish, we invited Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, pastor of Solomon's Reformed Church at Macungie, Pa., to preach trial sermons. He made a favorable impression upon the congregation and was duly nominated by the consistory. At the time of the election, Dr. Gerhard did not bring any pressure to bear upon the members, but advised them to vote according to their convictions, and took pains to have the ballots so prepared that there would be no difficulty in making an intelligent choice, and no doubt as to the expressed wish of the people. As a result of the ballot, Rev. Mr. Dickert was elected, and entered upon his work on November 1, 1902. The wisdom of our choice under the guidance of Dr. Gerhard has since become fully evident."

Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, pastor of Solomon's Reformed Church, Macungie, Pa., preached the following trial sermon to a large and appreciative audience, including the pastor emeritus, on Sunday morning, September 21, 1902:

"I am the good shepherd; and I know my own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd."—*St. John 10: 14-16.*

In these few verses our Savior presents to us an ideal word-picture of Himself, of the Church and of the world. The more you contemplate the picture, the more deeply will you be impressed with its beauty and its sublimity.

In my endeavor to help you see and understand the picture in its fulness, I shall divide the text into five distinct parts, giving you a keyword for each one of them.

I. GOODNESS. "I am the good shepherd." Jesus is not a thief. A thief comes to steal. He came to restore that which was stolen. Jesus is not a robber. A robber comes to kill and to carry off booty. Jesus came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. Jesus is not a stranger, because they know not the voice of strangers. He is not a hireling. The hireling beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth them.

In sharp contrast with all these—the thief, the robber, the stranger, and the hireling—Jesus stands forth as the Shepherd—the *good Shepherd*.

None of you would for a moment dispute His goodness, therefore it will not be necessary to produce argument to establish it. The Lord is *my* Shepherd, and He is a *good* Shepherd.

Since we have a good Shepherd, we should also be *good sheep*. This point needs emphasis. We should firmly resolve to become better day by day, more like the Shepherd. Ask yourself: Am I a good sheep? Am I as good as I ought to be? Am I worthy of my Shepherd?

Some of the characteristics of good sheep are: A strong and living faith in God, a childlike and unwavering trust



in the Father, a bright and cloudless hope in the future, a warm and pure love for God and man, a consecrated and sanctified life, valiant and heroic action in life's great battle, patient and persevering endurance of the trials of life, the faithful performance of duty, the assurance of immortality, and the certainty of a place in the Home of many mansions in the world that is to come.

To become like the good Shepherd, you must walk with Him, like Enoch walked with God; you must talk to Him face to face, like Moses talked with God; you must be much in His presence, and commune with Him day by day. Some day you will fall asleep to this world and awake in glory; then you will be like the Shepherd, for you shall see Him as He is.

II. KNOWLEDGE. "I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father."

The Shepherd has a perfect knowledge of you. He knows where you live, how you look, and what you do. He knows each one by name. He knows all about you—your thoughts, words and deeds; your temptations and strivings; your faults, weaknesses, and sins; your sorrows, afflictions, and pains; your longings, aspirations, and efforts; your achievements and failures. To Him all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Him no secrets are hid.

It is a comforting and a solemn thought that He knows all.

It is comforting that He knows what you need, and can help you; that He knows what you suffer, and can console you; that He knows how you struggle, and can save you. Others may misunderstand you, but He understands you perfectly; others may despise you, but He loves you; others may judge you falsely, but He judges you rightly.

It is a solemn thought that He knows all your hidden faults and secret sins—that you can keep nothing from Him.

You also know the Shepherd. You have been taught to know Him from your very childhood. When you lisped your first prayer at mother's knee, you spoke to Him. In the home, in Sunday school, in the catechetical class, in your reading of the Bible, in the services of the sanctuary—you learned to know Him better and better. Yet you are not as well acquainted with Him as you can be and want to be. Your knowledge is still imperfect, you still see in a mirror, darkly. You must use all the means of grace He has provided, and you will know Him better day by day. Some day you shall know Him fully, even as also you have been known, for you shall see Him face to face.

III. LOVE. "I lay down my life for the sheep." He loves His sheep with a perfect and holy love. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." He saved others; Himself He could not save. If He had saved Himself, He could not have saved others, and could not have become the Savior of the world. In His great sacrifice became manifest His inexpressible love for mankind, which made Him the Savior of the world.

He says to each one:

"This have I done for thee;  
What hast thou done for Me?"

He loves you. Do you love Him as you ought? How do you manifest your love? Are you prepared to lay down your life for Him? He does not require your death, but He desires you to give yourself unto Him—in body, soul, and spirit; with talents, riches, and possessions;—as a living sacrifice.

You can best show your love to the good Shepherd by living your daily life for Him, however simple it may be,

only so it be true and useful, and wholly consecrated to Him.

IV. ALTRUISM. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice."

There are two kinds of sheep: those within the fold and those without the fold. Altruism means that those within the fold desire and strive to bring those without to the enjoyment of the same blessing that they enjoy.

You are in the fold. Did you ever stop to think how you got into the fold? When our Savior uttered these words the flock was small. Then your ancestors and mine belonged to the large number of "other sheep" who were yet without the fold. And how were they brought in? Through the Apostles whom Jesus sent out to preach the Gospel to every creature. They were obedient to His command, and bore witness to Him at Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. If these Apostles had not obeyed the Master's command, had not loved the sheep in the wilderness, had not preached the Gospel to our half-wild and ignorant and uncivilized ancestors, where should we be to-day? What should we be?

They were brought in, and for that reason we were born and brought up within the bosom of the fold.

But not all are within. The words of the Savior are just as true to-day as they were nineteen hundred years ago. He still says: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice." His command comes to us: Go, make disciples, baptize, teach! Shall we be less obedient than were His first disciples?

Let us rejoice that we are within the fold, but let us not be indifferent to those without—at home and abroad. The number within is large, very large; but the number

without is *twice as large*. Each one within the fold ought to assume the responsibility of bringing in two that are without. In this way the evangelization of the world in the present generation could easily be accomplished. "Them also I must bring." They will be brought; and if it be without your help, it will be your loss. "They shall hear my voice." If you do not help to bring it about, you will lose the blessing.

V. UNITY. "And they shall become one flock, one shepherd."

There can be only one flock, because there is but one Shepherd. There are many denominations and sects in the Christian Church, each one having its own peculiarities and characteristics.

Apparently the Christian Church is divided into many folds; but these divisions are only external, and the differences are merely superficial; fundamentally they are all one, the Shepherd unites them all into one great spiritual flock.

As many rivers, each with its special features and characteristics, carry their waters into the ocean, where they all become one and indistinguishable, so the many denominations, each with its peculiarities and distinctions, carry their stream of humanity into the great bosom of eternity, where all differences and distinctions will disappear, and where all will be one flock, surrounding the good Shepherd. May you and I be among the number. Amen.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Dickert preached on "The Bible and the Daily Life, or The Secret of Success." His text was Joshua 1 : 8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of



thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

At a special meeting of the consistory on October 5, 1902, it was decided to tender a call to Rev. Thomas W. Dickert to become pastor of the congregation. The following call was forwarded to Mr. Dickert:

*To the Rev. Thomas W. Dickert:*

At an election for Pastor held in St. Stephen's Congregation on the fifth day of October, A. D. 1902, you were duly elected to that office; and in accordance with the instructions given us, we, the Elders and Deacons of the aforesaid congregation, do hereby unite in solemnly calling you to the pastoral office as above mentioned, and affectionately urge upon you the acceptance of our call. The duties which will be required of you are those which usually belong to the pastoral office, and are specifically set forth in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To encourage you in the discharge of the duties of your important office, we promise you, in the name of the members of the congregation, all proper attention, love and obedience in the Lord; and in consideration of your services, and that you may be relieved of temporal cares as far as possible, we do obligate ourselves in their behalf, to pay you for your support the annual sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), in monthly payments, so long as you shall continue our Pastor.



In witness of the above transaction and obligation, we do hereunto subscribe our names this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and two.

MILTON J. COLLIER,  
JOSEPH R. ROTH,  
HIRAM K. RITTER,  
J. FRED. GERHARD,  
*Elders.*

LEMON H. HERTZ,  
CUVIER G. GRUBE,  
W. D. DELONG,  
SAMUEL P. FAUST,  
A. M. WEYANDT,  
THOS. Z. BRIGHT,  
*Deacons.*

Rev. Mr. Dickert sent the following letter of acceptance to the consistory :

*To the Consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa.:*

DEAR BRETHREN: The call to the pastorate of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, tendered me by your body, has been duly considered, and I have concluded to accept the same, my pastorate to begin on November 1, 1902.

With the help of God and your hearty co-operation, I trust that we may be enabled to further the interests of the kingdom of God upon earth.

Very sincerely yours,

THOMAS W. DICKERT.

MACUNGIE, PA., OCT. 12, 1902.

On Sunday morning, November 9, 1902, the Sunday after Dr. Gerhard's funeral, the new pastor preached a memorial sermon on "A Self-Sacrificing Life," which is given here in full :

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."—John 15: 13.

Love is the greatest thing in the world. Its importance is set forth by the three masters of Christianity.

Peter says: "Above all things have fervent love among yourselves." John says: "God is love." And Paul says: "But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

Love is an abstract term and has no significance except as it is exemplified in the life of an individual person. God is love, and man made in the image of God must be love in so far as he is Godlike.

Love in exercise expresses itself in giving. "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life." God so *loved* that He *gave*. Whoever loves truly will give freely whatever is worth giving and worth receiving. The best gift any one can give is himself or herself—life, possessions, talents, all.

Jesus bears evidence to the truth of this statement in the words of the text, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The greatest thing in the world is love, and the greatest love in the world is that which manifests itself in a self-sacrificing life.

You will readily understand how I get my theme from the text. In order that I may stimulate each one of you to lead a more self-sacrificing life, I shall endeavor to apply the text and theme to the daily practical life of a few representative classes of persons.

I. JESUS. The highest type of self-sacrificing life ever lived upon earth was that of our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

I shall not attempt to be wiser than His sainted followers to whom we owe the few glimpses of His perfect and holy life, by attempting to speak of that of which they are silent, the thirty years of preparation for His great work; but the glimpses we have of Him when twelve years of age, when He said to His mother: "Wist ye not that I must be in My Father's house?" justifies me in

saying all that I wish to say of that early period, that I believe it was a period of self-sacrificing love and devotion to His heavenly Father and His earthly parents and friends.

But during the recorded period of His life, during the three years of His public ministry, every word and every deed, every parable and every miracle, bears testimony to the fact that He led a self-sacrificing life—that He lived not for Himself, but for others. I care not where you open the four Gospels, wherever they speak of Jesus they give evidence of His love. He never did a selfish act. He always lived for others. He made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, the lame to walk, the dead to live. He comforted the sorrowing, befriended the friendless, blessed the little ones, helped the needy, forgave the sinful, and saved the lost. He went about doing good, but He had not where to lay His head, and often was alone with His God. He denounced sin, hypocrisy and worldliness in every form, but was always ready to forgive the penitent.

His enemies, the chief priests and the scribes, sought to kill Him, and finally succeeded in having the sentence of death pronounced upon Him. He was made to wear a crown of thorns, was mocked and scoffed, and nailed to the cross to die in agony. Never did the chief priests and scribes give expression to a profounder truth than when they looked at Him in His awful agony, mocking Him, and saying: "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." He could not have saved others if He had saved Himself. It was in giving Himself that He became the Savior of the world.

That scene on the cross was the sublimest expression of the truth which Jesus had laid down when He said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." In giving Himself for others He manifested the greatness of His love.

The example of Jesus has been the inspiration for all the Christian centuries. Those who serve God and humanity best are those who walk in His footsteps and follow His example.

II. THE CHRISTIAN MINISTER. Among these the Christian minister stands in the forefront. As he is true to his calling as a pastor and a preacher, a disciple of Jesus, a teacher of His blessed truth, and a dispenser of the blessings of Christianity, he must give himself for others.

The true minister of the Gospel thinks not of himself, not of his personal welfare and aggrandizement, when he enters upon the duties of his sacred office, but he thinks of the welfare, the happiness, and the salvation of others, and he manifests his love best when giving himself for others, laying down his life for others, not in a single sacrifice, but by daily laboring for those whom God has entrusted to his care.

Such a pastor and preacher, such a minister of the Gospel, was Dr. Gerhard, whose departure you mourn. He was the only pastor you have heretofore known as a congregation, and it may be truthfully said that he gave himself for you. This congregation and this beautiful house of worship stand as evidences of and monuments to his love and devotion to his people. He gave you the best that was in him, and at no small cost. Every sermon, every pastoral visit, every prayer, every baptism, every marriage ceremony, every funeral took some of the vital energy, which during the past four years was ebbing away more rapidly than it was being replaced, and at last the decline was so rapid that it could not be checked, and he fell asleep in the midst of his work, as it were, giving himself for others.

Thus must every pastor give himself for his people, and as he is true to his sacred calling, he will deny himself day by day in order that in Jesus' name he may preach the truth that makes men free, lead his flock in the green pas-



tures and by the still waters of heavenly grace, encourage the young, befriend the friendless, comfort the sorrowing, bring peace to the dying, lift up the fallen, save the lost.

My Christian friends, it is no small thing to be a true minister of the Gospel of Christ. It means the giving of one's self to his calling, the laying down of one's life for his friends.

III. THE MISSIONARY. The missionary furnishes us another noble example of Christian self-sacrifice, and the life of a missionary is in many respects the most Christlike life that can be lived. The greater the sacrifice, the more Christlike it is. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Jesus laid down His life not only for His friends, but for strangers, for outcasts, for His enemies, for all who will be saved.

The missionary leaves his home and friends, goes among strangers, among aliens, among those who often are his bitterest foes. He goes for Jesus' sake, because of Jesus' example, of Jesus' command, of Jesus' help. He goes because he loves souls and is prepared to give himself that he may save others. God bless the growing army of consecrated men and women who have gone forth into the world under the banner of the cross to win souls for Jesus. They shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

IV. PATRIOTS. The true patriot who loves his country in times of war and of peace gives his life for its welfare. When peace and prosperity smile upon him and his country, he holds dear its fair name, and does all within his power to maintain its integrity and honor, to promote its welfare and advancement, to guard its safety and prosperity, and to defend its institutions and interests. In time of danger and attack he goes forth to fight for its preservation and to die, if need be, for its perpetuation. It is just as honorable to live worthy of your country in times of peace as to die nobly for your country in time of



war, and the true patriot is prepared to do both. His name will be inscribed in the hall of fame among those of whom it is said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

V. PARENTS. Parents, too, are among those who give themselves for others. Only a father and a mother know how much of their lives they must give for their children. In the family life are found some of the world's noblest heroes and heroines, and though their names may not be recorded in worldly halls of fame, they stand among the foremost of those recorded in the book of the Lamb in heaven, where only those are admitted who truly love.

VI. EVERY CHRISTIAN. The life of every true Christian must be a self-sacrificing life. As you lead a pure and noble life for Jesus' sake, as you are true to your confirmation vows, as you labor for your church and for humanity, as you try to make others happy and help save the lost, you manifest your love, which is at its best when you give yourself for others.

"That we spent we had,  
That we kept we lost,  
That we gave we have."

On Sunday morning, November 23, 1902, Rev. Thomas W. Dickert was installed as pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church by a committee of Reading Classis, in the presence of a large congregation. Revs. H. Y. Stoner and C. E. Schaeffer delivered addresses, and Rev. C. E. Creitz conducted the installation.

At the evening service the newly-installed pastor preached his inaugural sermon on the subject "God's Fellow-Workers," based on the

text, 1 Cor. 3 : 9, "For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building." He spoke as follows:

This congregation has thus far known only one pastor, who was the founder, the promoter, and the director of it. You will all agree with me when I say that he was a devoted and self-sacrificing pastor, laboring incessantly, and often too hard, for the welfare and comfort and salvation of his people; that he was an earnest and fearless preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that he was a profound and masterly scholar, whose worth was recognized far beyond the bounds of this congregation and city, and even beyond those of our denomination; that he was a wise counsellor and friend, who would not consciously mislead or misdirect any one; that he was a noble and consecrated Christian, whose daily life preached more effectively than even his eloquence in the pulpit.

The loss of such a pastor, the first pastor of this congregation, serving it faithfully for nineteen years, building up a large membership and erecting such a beautiful building—two lasting monuments to his love and devotion; the loss of such a pastor, loved and respected and honored, is indeed great and well-nigh irreparable.

To assume the responsibility of taking up so great a work laid down by so great a man is no small undertaking, and makes one tremble with timidity. And, my dear friends, if it were not for the fact that I realized that it was God's hand that was guiding your sainted pastor and you as a devoted people in making this choice, and that it was God's voice calling me in the call that you extended to me, I should never have dared to assume the labors of so responsible a position. Sacred and secular history both give undoubted evidence that whenever God has called and men have obeyed, His name was glorified and His people were blessed. It would be cowardly, in-

deed, yea, cowardice bordering on infidelity, to hear the voice of God calling one to assume a certain position and to hold back with fear. And it was only because I felt that God would call no one to a duty which with His divine help he could not perform that I gave a favorable reply to your call.

Moreover, my dear friends, it would not be telling the whole truth, and it would be doing you a great injustice, if I did not add that it was also because I had faith and confidence in you as a devoted and consecrated people of God, because I could see in your faces that you were a people with whom I could labor in love for the glory of God, and for our mutual happiness, comfort, welfare and salvation, that I undertook to be your pastor, your teacher, your spiritual guide. It was with the confidence that you would make due allowance for my inferiority to your former pastor, for my less matured mind and less extensive experience; and that you would give me your hearty co-operation and support, that I was willing to assume the responsibility of the position into which I was officially installed this morning.

And, my friends, the brief experience of a few weeks has helped to confirm this faith and confidence in you, which I hope may grow still stronger as the days go by. I have been received very kindly and courteously by all whom I have met, and have had many expressions that assure me of your co-operation and helpfulness, all of which I most highly appreciate.

These introductory remarks lead me to the theme on which I can speak but briefly: "God's Fellow-workers."

What I have said to you is in harmony with the words of our text, "For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building."

There is a great deal in this chapter, from which the text is taken, which bears directly on our theme, and particularly on the relation which we shall sustain as pastor and people.

It is the thought that we are God's fellow-workers that encourages and comforts and inspires a pastor on assuming the responsibilities of a higher, more laborious, more exacting pastorate. If he were to enter upon the work alone, he would falter at the outstart and fail in the end.

There are three factors which enter into the life and development and progress of every congregation. These are all suggested by the expression, "We are God's fellow-workers." These three factors are all necessary and all essential. If any one were missing, the sacred triangle would be broken and the work would fail. These factors are God, the members of the congregation, and the pastor. These are the fellow-workers. I have given them in their logical order, and also in the order of their importance.

I. GOD. God is first in order and first in importance. Without God there would be no congregation and no pastor. Without the help and guidance of God, the work of congregation and pastor would be worth little or nothing.

And this is the thought that St. Paul wished to impress upon the minds of his Corinthian friends. There were little factions among them. Some said: "I am of Paul." Others said: "I am of Apollos." He was a little provoked at them for these expressions. He asks, "What then is Apollos? and what is Paul?" And he also answers the questions: "Ministers," are they, "through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave to him. I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; but each shall receive his own reward."

There are some pastors who are fond of saying, "*I have done this,*" putting God in the background. There are some congregations who say, "*We have accomplished this,*" forgetting to give God the praise. In this congre-



gation wonderful work has been done, remarkable progress has been made, but it was not your sainted pastor alone who did it (and he would be the last to claim the honor, if he were here), and it was not you people alone who accomplished it, but it was God, who blessed and rewarded the labors of both pastor and people laboring together in love as God's fellow-workers.

I do not come among you with the egotistic spirit of expecting to perform a great work by my own strength. Nor do I come here because I expect you to do something phenomenal by means of your own resources. But I come here and enter upon this difficult work in the hope that under God's guidance and with His help and blessing you and I may accomplish a great deal for His glory, for the extension and upbuilding of His kingdom, and for our own happiness and salvation.

There was a great difference between Paul and Apollos. Paul says: "I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." You will find as we become better acquainted that there is a great difference between the pastor whose departure you mourn, and the one whom you have called to take his place. It would be unnatural if it were otherwise. But I think we may truthfully and appropriately say your lamented pastor did the planting, that you have called me to do the watering, and that if we labor faithfully together we may expect God to give the increase.

This thought has reference to you as *God's husbandry*, or tilled land.

The companion figure which St. Paul uses is when he speaks of you as *God's building*.

In this connection we may also appropriately quote the expression of St. Paul, when he says: "According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise master-builder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon." How truly we can say that your first pastor



laid the foundation of this congregation, and in the providence of God another has been called to build thereon. And I must heed the caution of St. Paul when he says, "But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon."

What is the foundation which was laid, and upon which we must continue to build? St. Paul tells us when he says: "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

I am sure that that is the foundation on which this congregation rests. You *have* a beautiful building, but you *are* a more beautiful one. This building with all its beauty will fade and decay and pass away, but you, as God's building, will endure for ever and ever, and will grow more beautiful as the endless ages of eternity roll on.

To keep on building on this foundation, I have come to you. Let us realize now and at all times that we need God's help and God's blessing, that without Him we cannot do anything that is worth doing and that will endure.

God is the first and most important factor.

II. MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION. The second factor in order and importance is the membership of the congregation, the men, women and children who are banded together in love as a flock who call unto themselves a shepherd.

I take you as the second factor, because a pastor without a congregation is a sorry sight, and a pastor who does not have the confidence, the affection, the co-operation and the support of his congregation is in a still more sorry plight.

I know, my dear Christian friends, from my own observation, and from the lips of your sainted pastor, that you are an earnest, consecrated, affectionate and devoted people. I have all confidence in you, and believe that you will help to make my work in your midst as agreeable and profitable as possible.

In olden times the best picture to set forth the respective duties of pastor and people was that of a large wagon

into which all the men, women and children clambered, and the poor pastor had to play the part of the horse and draw them up the steep and difficult hill to heaven.

All this has been changed, and to my mind the better picture is that of Moses lifting up the rod of God, supported on the one side by Aaron and on the other by Hur. So the consistory and congregation stand on one side of the pastor holding up his arm, and the women and young people in their different organizations stand on his other side and lift up his arm, and God gives the victory to these fellow-workers with Him.

III. THE PASTOR. The last in order and in many respects the least in importance among the factors is the pastor. I do not mean to say that his work is unimportant. Far from it. Many a congregation has had the unpleasant experience, which in the providence of God you were spared, of being without a pastor, and they were like a flock without a shepherd, like a ship without a rudder. They knew not what to do nor whither to go, and longed for a teacher and a guide.

The pastor is vitally related to God and his congregation, and is responsible to both. Only as he is true to God can he be true to his congregation. If the congregation is not in harmony with God, how can the pastor be in harmony with the congregation and at the same time true to God?

God has sent me to you to labor among you for His glory and for your good. I must preach the truth of God boldly and fearlessly. I must use the Word of God as a two-edged sword, though it may pierce even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow. Though the plain and powerful truth may hurt, it will not be my intention to hurt, but to save. If my sermons come home and arouse your passion, there is something wrong with you, and you had better set yourself right with God.

The pastoral work is the harder and the more important part of a minister's duties. You must remember that

I am only flesh and blood, and cannot do the impossible, but I shall cheerfully minister to all your wants, and shall comply with all your reasonable and consistent demands, even at the cost of personal comfort and ease. I shall endeavor to be a true and faithful teacher, and a safe and trustworthy guide. I shall endeavor, with the help of God, to set you a noble and worthy example in my daily walk in life.

At a special meeting of the consistory held after the evening service, November 23, 1902, President Milton J. Collier appointed Lemon H. Hertz to escort Rev. Mr. Dickert to the president's chair, and he became *ex-officio* president of the consistory.

At the regular monthly meeting of the consistory, December 3, 1902, the pastor's salary was increased to \$100 per month, beginning with November 1, 1902.

Memorial services in honor of Dr. Gerhard were held on Sunday, March 1, 1903. At the church service in the morning Rev. H. Y. Stoner spoke of him as "a man, a preacher and a pastor," basing his remarks on Matthew 26: 13. Rev. Thomas W. Dickert spoke of him as "a scholar, a theologian, and an author," basing his remarks on Revelations 14: 13.

The Sunday school held a memorial service in the afternoon. Addresses on the life and

work of the deceased pastor were made by Dr. W. D. DeLong, S. P. Faust, M. J. Coller, A. J. Shartle, Rev. D. W. Gerhard, of Lancaster, brother of the deceased, and Rev. Thomas W. Dickert.

The Christian Endeavor Society held an appropriate service in the evening. Harvey Sheetz, Dr. J. K. Seaman, A. J. Shartle, Dr. W. D. DeLong, Miss Ella Miller and Rev. Thomas W. Dickert spoke at this gathering. Many kind words were said of the late pastor of St. Stephen's.

At the consistory meeting held March 4, 1903, the pastor, Elder H. K. Ritter and Deacon W. D. DeLong were appointed a committee to receive bids for frescoing the church.

At a joint meeting of the consistory and the ushers of the congregation on March 11, 1903, the ushers expressed the desire to organize an Ushers' Association. The request was granted with the understanding that the organization should at all times be under the direct supervision of the consistory. The Ushers' Association was organized April 13, 1903.

In March, 1903, the pastor began the publication of a sixteen-page monthly church pa-

per called "The Christian Visitor." In the introductory number the pastor said:

"The members of St. Stephen's Reformed Church received an ANNUAL VISITOR during the past fourteen years, containing a directory of the congregation and other items of interest. No doubt the appearance of this annual was awaited with interest, and the copy was immediately read and carefully preserved.

"After careful consideration we concluded that it would be well to increase the number of visits of the parish paper and to enlarge its scope. If it is a good thing to have a VISITOR of this kind to come into every home once a year, we believe it is a much better thing to have its visits occur monthly, bringing words of cheer and encouragement.

"We have seen proper to call this monthly paper THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR, because it is in a measure to take the pastor's place. The pastor hopes to visit every family in the congregation at least once a year, and in cases of sickness and distress more frequently, but it will be impossible for him to make as many visits as he would wish, therefore THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR is to take his place and bring to the homes of the members of the congregation such information and encouragement, and admonition and comfort as the pastor would give if he could visit every home as frequently in person. By means of THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR the pastor will multiply himself twelve-fold, and pastor and people will be enabled to keep in closer touch than they could without this assistance.

"We hope, therefore, THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR will be given a kind and cordial welcome in your homes and in your hearts, and that you will learn to love and cherish it."

The Easter services on Sunday, April 12, 1903, were marked by mingled feelings of joy



and sorrow. The departed pastor was missed, but a liberal memorial offering was laid upon the altar in his honor. Seventy-eight new members were received—forty-eight by confirmation and thirty by certificate of dismission and re-profession of faith. The number communed was 535. The memorial offering amounted to \$2,091.03, of which the congregation contributed \$1,074.48 and the Sunday school \$1,016.55.

At a special meeting of the consistory on April 26, 1903, it was decided to award the contract for frescoing the church auditorium to Mr. Berthold Imhoff, of Reading, for the sum of \$500.

Mr. J. Wilson Klein resigned the office of financial secretary of the congregation on May 24, 1903. At the regular meeting of the consistory held June 3, 1903, Mr. Alvin J. Shartle was elected to fill the position.

During the spring and summer of 1903 extensive improvements were made to the church property.

The primary room of the Sunday School was too damp and uncomfortable for the best interests of that department. The cement floor of the room was covered with a board floor

raised a few inches and made of good flooring. This was done in an excellent and satisfactory manner under the supervision of one of the teachers of the department, who is a good carpenter. It was soon found, however, that the wooden floor was somewhat more conducive to noise by moving chairs and shuffling feet than the cement floor had been, and an additional improvement was made by covering the floor with a neat matting.

Among the repairs and improvements to the auditorium and chapel may be mentioned the repair of the roof to prevent leakage and damage to the church walls; the painting of the woodwork on the outside of the building; the varnishing of the doors; the retouching of the doors and furniture in the auditorium; the hanging of small doors in the library; the hanging of swinging doors at the entrance to the choir loft; and other minor improvements. The greater part of this work was done by mechanics and artisans belonging to the congregation.

Five dozen Reformed Church Hymnals, a number of Sunday School Hymnals and some Christian Endeavor Hymnals were added to

these respective departments for the improvement of the facilities for praise and worship.

But one of the most marked improvements was the beautifying of the walls of the church auditorium. This was made possible by the devotion and zeal of the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, who volunteered to assume the cost of this improvement. As already stated, Mr. Berthold Imhoff, of our city, was engaged to do the work. The congregation erected a scaffolding at a cost of nearly two hundred dollars, which it was not deemed proper to require the Ladies' Aid Society to assume. Mr. Imhoff and his assistants performed the task very satisfactorily. The walls are finished in handsome scroll-work, conforming in every respect with the Gothic style of architecture and harmonizing beautifully with the rich designs and colors of the windows. On the south side, above the pipe-organ loft, is painted a beautiful life-sized angel, bearing a harp, emblematic of praise. Another angel, bearing a streamer, adorns the wall on the west. The handsome border running around the entire auditorium above the wainscoting is a masterpiece in the art of fresco-painting, and adds largely to the attractive ap-

pearance of the walls. The vestibule and gallery are adorned with artistic stencil-work. The work has been greatly admired by all who have seen it, and many flattering comments have been passed on the ability of Mr. Imhoff as a fresco-artist.

The Ladies' Aid Society had \$250 in its treasury when the work was completed; and by making a loan of \$250 additional for one year was enabled to pay for the work in cash. These noble women thus added another item to the list of many noble things they had done for the welfare and prosperity of St. Stephen's.

A double hymn-board was erected on the post nearest the pulpit between the sliding partition that separates the Sunday school room from the auditorium.

While this improvement was in progress, the church services were held in the Sunday school chapel.

The climax of improvements, however, was reached in the installation of the handsome pipe organ, which had been solicited by Dr. Gerhard. It is the munificent gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and one of the last organs which he gave outright. It was scheduled by Mr. W. L.

Mayer, Pittsburg, Pa., and built by Mr. M. P. Moeller, Church Organ Builder, Hagerstown, Md. It is one of the handsomest and most complete and up-to-date organs in our city.

The following are the specifications of the organ :

## GREAT ORGAN.

1. 16 ft. Double Open Diapason.
2. 8 ft. Open Diapason.
3. 8 ft. Doppel Flöte.
4. 8 ft. Gamba.
5. 4 ft. Flute Harmonique.
6. 4 ft. Principal.
7. 2 $\frac{2}{3}$  ft. Nazard.
8. 2 ft. Piccolo.
9. 8 ft. Trumpet.

## SWELL ORGAN.

10. 16 ft. Bourdon.
11. 8 ft. Open Diapason.
12. 8 ft. Stopped Diapason.
13. 8 ft. Viol d'Orchestre.
14. 8 ft. Æoline.
15. 4 ft. Rohr Flöte.
16. 4 ft. Violina.
17. 8 ft. Oboe and Bassoon.
18. 8 ft. Vox Humana (in separate swell box with independent tremolo and expression pedal).

## CHOIR ORGAN.

19. 8 ft. Violin Diapason.
20. 8 ft. Melodia.
21. 8 ft. Dulciana.
22. 4 ft. Gems Horn.
23. 4 ft. Flute Traverso.
24. 8 ft. Clarionetto.

## PEDAL ORGAN.

25. 16 ft. Double Open Diapason.
26. 16 ft. Sub Bass.
27. 8 ft. Octave Bass.
28. 8 ft. Violoncello.

## COUPLERS.

- Swell to Great.  
 Choir to Great.  
 Swell to Choir.  
 Swell Superoctave to Great.  
 Swell Suboctave to Great.  
 Choir Suboctave to Great.  
 Choir Superoctave to Great.  
 Great Superoctave to Great.  
 Great Suboctave to Great.  
 Swell Superoctave to Swell.  
 Choir Superoctave to Choir.





THE PIPE ORGAN.



Great to Pedal.

Swell to Pedal.

Choir to Pedal.

Pedal Superoctave to Pedal.

Piston No. 7	} Affecting choir and ped- al stops.
Piston No. 8	

## FIXED COMBINATIONS.

## MECHANICAL ACCESSORIES.

Great Tremulant.

Swell Tremulant.

Choir Tremulant.

Wind Indicator.

Crescendo Indicator.

Great Coupler Cancel.

Swell Coupler Cancel.

Choir Coupler Cancel.

Pedal No. 1. "Full Pedal"  
Organ.Pedal No. 2. "Pedal Organ  
Piano."

## PEDAL MOVEMENTS.

Great to pedal reversible.

Balanced swell organ, ex-  
pression pedal.Balanced choir organ, ex-  
pression pedal.Balanced Vox Humana,  
individual expression pedal.Balanced grand crescendo  
pedal.Total—46 stops, 1848 pipes,  
41 pistons, 7 pedal move-  
ments.

## ADJUSTABLE COMBINATIONS.

Piston No. 1	} Affecting swell and ped- al stops.
Piston No. 2	
Piston No. 3	

Piston No. 4	} Affecting great and ped- al stops.
Piston No. 5	
Piston No. 6	

The Junior Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was reorganized on Friday afternoon, September 18, 1903, with Miss Mary E. Schoenberger as Superintendent.\*

The Church Reconsecration and Carnegie Pipe Organ Dedication Services were held on Sunday, October 18, 1903, with special services

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\* The first society of this character was organized January 21, 1899, with Mrs. Ida E. Brumbach as Superintendent, but for some reason it disbanded in 1901.

morning, afternoon and evening, and every evening, except Saturday, of the week following.

The following are the programs rendered at these services:

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Morning service, 10.00 o'clock—Prelude, "Now Thank We All Our God"—Ashford, by Mr. J. Wilson Klein, organist of our church; anthem, "The Heavens Declare," W. B. Goate, by the choir of our church; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 10, "Lord, Thy Glory Fills the Heaven;" Psalm 103 (read antiphonally); hymn, No. 441, "The Church's One Foundation;" Scripture Lessons: St. Matthew 9: 1-8; Ephesians 4: 17-32; Gloria Patri; Apostles' Creed; general prayer, Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D.; hymn, No. 443, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken;" sermon, Rev. Joseph Henry Dubbs, D. D., Audenried professor of History and Archæology, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.; Kyrie; closing prayer, Rev. I. E. Graeff, D. D.; Lord's Prayer; offertory, "Communion in D," Batiste; offering; offertory hymn; anthem, "Cantate Domino," Juan Alzamora; announcements; closing hymn, No. 679, "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise;" doxology; benediction, Rev. I. E. Graeff, D. D.; postlude in E flat.

The attendance at this service was good. Dr. Dubbs preached a very edifying sermon on "The House of the Lord," based on Psalm 27: 4, "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." The musical selections were excellent and the congregational singing was inspiring. Many favorable comments were made on the beauty of the church and the magnificence of the pipe organ.



Sunday School service, 1.30 P. M.—The Sunday School service was largely attended. Interesting and inspiring addresses were made by Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs and Chas. H. Leinbach, superintendent of St. Andrew's Reformed Sunday School.

Dedication service, 3.30 P. M.—Prelude, "Andante Pastorale," Lemare, by Mr. W. S. Hollenback, organist of the Second Reformed Church.

Anthem, "The Lord Be a Lamp," Benedict, by the quartette and chorus of the Second Reformed Church; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 277, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name;" Scripture Lesson, 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; prayer, Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, pastor St. Mark's Reformed Church; hymn, No. 689, "Beautiful Savior;" address, Rev. James I. Good, D. D., pastor Calvary Reformed Church; address, Rev. C. E. Creitz, assistant pastor St. Paul's Reformed Church; Reconsecration and Dedication Service, by the pastor; hymn, No. 601, "Now Thank We All Our God;" address, Rev. John W. Steinmetz, D. D., pastor St. John's Reformed Church; address, Rev. L. K. Derr, D. D., pastor Zion's Reformed Church; announcements; offertory, "La Devotion," Thayer; offering; offertory hymn; anthem, "Hear My Prayer," Mendelssohn (Mrs. W. S. S. Coleman sang the solo in this anthem); closing hymn, No. 360, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds;" doxology; benediction, Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, D. D.; postlude, "Marcietta," Dubois. This service was very largely attended. The music of the organist and choir of the Second Reformed Church was of a high order and was greatly appreciated. The greetings and remarks of the four pastors of our sister churches were most cordial and happy, and were very much enjoyed by the large congregation.

Christian Endeavor Prayer Meeting, 6.30 P. M.—Topic, "Great Men of the Bible: What Moses Teaches Us;" leader, Miss Maggie Wagner.



Evening service, 7.30 o'clock—Prelude in F, Lee Me-laigre, by Mr. J. Wilson Klein, organist of our church; anthem, "Gloria in Excelsis," Bordese-Noelsch, by the choir of our church; opening hymn, No. 214, "Nearer, My God, to Thee;" invocation by the pastor; Psalm 96 (read antiphonally); hymn, No. 619, "Praise to the Lord! He is King Over all the Creation!" Scripture Lessons; Gloria Patri; Apostles' Creed; general prayer, by the pastor; hymn, No. 407, "My Faith Looks up to Thee;" sermon, Rev. H. Y. Stoner, Reading, Pa.; Gloria Tibi; Lord's Prayer; announcements; offertory, "Pastorale in G," Flagler; offering; offertory hymn; contralto solo, "If I Were a Voice," Woodbury, by Miss Hattie I. Millard; closing hymn, No. 680, "Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing;" doxology; benediction, by Rev. H. Y. Stoner; postlude, "March in D," Batiste. This was the best attended service of the day. Both the auditorium and the Sunday School chapel were filled. The music by our organist and choir and the congregational singing were very inspiring and added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. Rev. H. Y. Stoner, formerly a member of St. Stephen's and later pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church, preached a masterly sermon on "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness," based on Psalm 96 : 9, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," and Psalm 100 : 4, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: give thanks unto Him and bless His name." A large proportion of the members of the congregation and many visitors from other congregations attended the various services.

The decorations at these services were elaborate and beautiful. They consisted chiefly of autumn leaves and flowers, evergreens and ornamental plants. Four vases of beautiful flowers graced the altar. A large cross of white blossoms and autumn leaves was immediately in front of the altar. The sides of the pulpit and the pulpit

steps were adorned with jardinières containing ferns and other greens, and tall rubber plants added their charms to the scene. The baptismal font was filled with a handsome bouquet of autumn flowers, and two neatly arranged baskets of flowers rested on the chancel railing. The decorating committee consisted of Mrs. Agnes Price, Mrs. Emma Derr, Mrs. Sue Drexel, Mrs. Alice Winkleman, Mrs. Vallie Lowe, Misses Ella Bickel, Ella Ludwig, Anna Heck, Maggie Ritter, Edith Lance, Ida Boyer, Mary Reeser, and Messrs. Samuel P. Faust, William J. Lowe, Milton J. Collier, John D. Heck.

### MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19.

#### CHORAL SERVICE.

Prelude, Mr. J. Wilson Klein, organist of our church; anthem, "God is Our Refuge," Farmer-Noelsch, by our choir; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 406, "Oh, Worship the King, All-Glorious Above;" anthem, "O God, Our Father," Hummel-Noelsch; Scripture Lesson; Gloria Patri; prayer, by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D.; anthem, "The Famous Firmament," Batiste-Rogers; sermon, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, Philadelphia, Pa.; Gloria Tibi; Lord's Prayer; anthem, "I am Alpha and Omega," Stainer; announcements; offertory; offering; offertory hymn; baritone solo, "Beautiful Visions of Paradise," Vernes, Mr. Harry U. Grant; closing hymn, No. 419, "So Let Our Lips and Lives Express;" doxology; benediction; postlude.

This service was in honor of the choir, which has been rendering gratuitous service to the congregation for a number of years. Mr. J. Wilson Klein has been organist and director of music in our church for thirteen years. He handled the new organ very acceptably during these services, and gives promise of becoming a master in the art. The personnel of the choir during the special services was

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as follows: Soprano, Anna Schleicher, Lizzie Titlow, Gertrude Bickel, Agnes Levan, Carrie Sonen, Marjarie Frankhauser, Helen Fleckenstein, Mrs. Mabel Myers, Vina Haag. Altos, Hattie Millard, Mrs. Annie Barto, Ella Miller, Mame Marks, Maud Blyler. Tenors, John Laufersweiler, Milton Seitzinger, William Whitman, John Myers, Abner Shearer, Thomas Bright, George Shugars. Bass, Luther Wrentzel, Daniel Whitman, Warren Hartman, Oscar DeLong.

The anthems, which occupied a prominent part in the evening's program, were well rendered and greatly enjoyed by those who were present.

The sermon of the evening, preached by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa., the efficient Secretary of our Board of Foreign Missions, was a scholarly and animated presentation of the theme, "The Place of Music in Worship." It was deserving of one of our finest audiences, and we regret that the attendance was not larger.

We are sure when Dr. Bartholomew appears before us again, he will be greeted by a much larger congregation.

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20.

### INAUGURAL RECITAL.

On Tuesday evening both the church auditorium and the Sunday School chapel were taxed to their utmost capacity. Every available seat, as well as every foot of standing room, was occupied, and a number of persons were compelled to turn away. From twelve to fifteen hundred persons were present to hear the inaugural recital given by Mr. William Benbow, organist of Trinity Lutheran Church; Miss Anna M. Shearer, soprano, and Mr. Otto Wittich, violin. The recital was of a very high order, and was greatly enjoyed by the vast assembly, which was most attentive and orderly throughout the entire service. The pastor made a few remarks on Mr. An-

drew Carnegie and his magnificent gift. The musicians were given the Chautauqua salute. The offering failed to express adequately the appreciation and admiration of the audience, but it came within a few dollars of the amount asked for by the pastor.

The following is the program which was rendered:

1. Toccata in F.....J. S. Bach
2. Vocal Solo, *a* "The Little Thief".....Leo Stern  
*b* "Sweet Love, now I must Leave Thee".....Rich. Strauss
3. Intermezzo in B flat.....E. H. Lemare
4. Violin Solo, "Romance" in F.....Beethoven
5. Canzone.....W. Wolstenholme
6. Allegro assai from Sonata I.....A. Guilmant
7. Vocal Solo, "Ave Maria".....Bach-Gounod  
 With Violin and Organ accompaniment.
8. Fugue from Sonata in B flat.....W. Benbow
9. Violin Solo, Andante from Concerto in E minor .....Mendelssohn
10. *a* Capriccio .....Capocci  
*b* Berceuse in D.....Lemare
11. Concert Overture.....W. Faulkes

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21.

#### PRAISE AND PRAYER SERVICE.

Prelude, by Mr. Ernest H. Artz, deputy organist Memorial Church of the Holy Cross; anthem, "Praise the Lord" in C, C. O. Beck, by the choir of our church; opening hymn, No. 478, "Oh, for a Heart to Praise my God;" invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 436, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord;" Scripture Lesson, Rev. C. H. Gramm; Gloria Patri; prayer, Rev. Jno. Phil. Stein, D. D.; hymn, No. 759, "Sweet Hour of Prayer;" address, Rev. C. H. Gramm, assistant pastor Zion's Reformed Church: address, Rev. Jno. Phil. Stein, D. D., pastor St. Thomas' Reformed Church; address, Geo. W. Wagner, Esq., district attorney of Berks county, representing the First Re-



formed Church; Gloria Tibi; Lord's Prayer; announcements; offertory, Mr. Ernest H. Artz; offering; offertory hymn; baritone solo. "The Savior's Command," Chipman, by Mr. D. Warren Grant; closing hymn, No. 452, "Jesus, I live to Thee;" doxology; benediction, by Rev. Jno. Phil. Stein, D. D.; postlude, by Mr. Ernest H. Artz. The attendance at this service was fair. The greetings and addresses on "Praise and Prayer" by the visiting pastors were very interesting and edifying, and all who were present felt well repaid for attending the service. The music was well rendered, and added greatly to the edification and enjoyment of those present.

#### THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 27.

##### LADIES' AID SOCIETY SERVICE.

Prelude, "Meditation," Wm. Otis Brewster, by Mr. A. Stanley Keast, organist of St. Thomas' Reformed Church; anthem, "Send Out Thy Light," Gounod, by the choir of St. Thomas' Reformed Church; hymn, No. 648, "Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear;" invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 144, "Work, for the Night is Coming;" Scripture Lesson, by Rev. H. H. Rupp; Gloria Patri; prayer, by Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D.; anthem, "The Sun Shall be no More," Woodward; address, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., pastor Second Reformed Church; address, Rev. H. H. Rupp, pastor Olivet Reformed Church; address, Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, pastor St. Mark's Reformed Church; Gloria Tibi; Lord's Prayer; announcements; offertory, "Intermezzo," Bruce H. Steane; offertory; offering; offertory hymn; duet, "Beloved, Let us Love One Another," Stainer, Misses Carrie Reinhart and Olie Shucker; closing hymn, No. 456, "A Charge to Keep I Have;" doxology; benediction, Rev. C. E. Schaeffer; postlude, "Festal March," J. Baptiste Calkin.

This service was held in honor of the Ladies' Aid Society, who generously assumed the cost of frescoing the



church auditorium. These devoted women have been doing a noble work for the congregation ever since the organization of the society, and within recent years their contributions toward the improvement of the church have been very liberal. The society attended the service in a body and occupied seats reserved for them to the right of the centre aisle. About fifty members of the society were present.

The attendance at this service was very good. The pastors who were present presented the greetings of their respective congregations, and then eulogized the work done by the women in our churches. The addresses were exceedingly interesting, and were delivered in a happy vein, which made them all the more enjoyable. The music by the organist and choir of our nearest sister church was well received and greatly enjoyed by the congregation.

#### FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23.

##### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE.

Prelude, by Mr. Fred. C. Moyer, organist of First Reformed Church; anthem, "The King of Love My Shepherd is," Shelley, by the choir of First Reformed Church; opening hymn, No. 136, "Stand up! Stand up for Jesus;" invocation, by the pastor; anthem, "Angelic Songs," Steanes; Scripture Lesson, Rev. W. E. Harr; Gloria Patri; prayer, Rev. W. E. Harr; anthem, "The Lord is My Shepherd," Morrison; address, Rev. W. E. Harr, pastor Faith and St. James' Reformed Churches; address, Dr. W. D. DeLong, representing the Young People's Societies of St. Stephen's Reformed Church; address, by the pastor; Gloria Tibi; Lord's Prayer; announcements; offertory, "Air Fantastique," Goaeete; offering; offertory hymn; anthem, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts," Verdi-Nevin; closing hymn, No. 725, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me;" doxology; benediction, Rev. W. E. Harr; postlude, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," Ashford. This ser-

vice was held in honor of our young people in their organized capacity in the Sunday School, Missionary Society, Mission Band, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Junior Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and Ushers' Association. These organizations are all important in their place, and have done a great deal for the welfare and advancement of the best interests of the congregation. They are a great help to the pastor, and he has not asked anything of them that they have not cheerfully done. Any congregation with a number of active Young People's Societies such as these has a bright and promising future.

The organist and choir of the First Reformed Church rendered a most excellent musical program. The solos in the anthems were sung by Miss Sadie P. Miller and Mr. Fred. C. Moyer in a very impressive manner. The addresses were both interesting and instructive. The attendance was good.

This service concluded the week's jubilee in honor of the reconsecration of our beautiful church auditorium and the dedication of our handsome pipe organ. With the exception of one or two evenings the attendance was all that could be desired. The offerings of all the services amounted to \$235.80. Representatives were present and offered greetings from the other twelve Reformed congregations of Reading. All the pastors and assistants of these congregations, except three, were present. One was detained by sickness, and the other two by other engagements. The music throughout was of a high order, and left a deep and lasting impression on all who enjoyed it.

On Sunday evening, November 1, 1903, Rev. Mr. Dickert celebrated the first anniversary of his pastorate at St. Stephen's. The service was

very largely attended. It was exactly twenty years since the pastorate of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., began.

The pastor spoke on "A Year's Work for God," based on Acts 10: 29, 33, "I ask therefore with what intent ye sent for me. \* \* \* \* Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord."

He considered the following phases of his first year's work for God at St. Stephen's:

(1) The material improvements that have been made during the past year.

(2) The congregational statistics are as follows: Members added by confirmation, 50; by certificate, 31; by re-profession of faith, 32; total, 113. In the Sunday School about 250 scholars were added in all the departments. Losses by death: Adults, 10; infants, 5; total, 15. Funerals of those not belonging to the congregation, 16. Baptisms: Adults, 3; infants, 53; total, 56. Marriages, 24. Number communed at the four communions of the year, 1,618.

(3) The amount of money raised by the congregation during the year from all sources and for all purposes was about \$5,000. This includes the payment of \$1,000 on the debt; the interest on the debt; the classical apportionment; the support of a Japanese student for the Christian ministry; current expenses and improvements.

(4) The spiritual growth of the congregation has been proportionate to the growth along other lines. We stand on a higher spiritual plane. The year has not been with-

out discouragements and annoyances, but these have been far outweighed by the good that has been done and the pleasure derived from doing it.

As we enter a new year of grace, let us reconsecrate ourselves to God, so that we may continue to grow in grace and knowledge, and may do greater things to His glory and the welfare of His kingdom.

So closed the first year's work of the new pastor. It was an eventful year. He felt at home among the people of St. Stephen's and enjoyed his labors in their behalf.

## CHAPTER IX

### AN ERA OF PROSPERITY



THE next five years in the history of St. Stephen's Reformed Church marked an era of great prosperity. There was a marked increase in the membership of the congregation and Sunday School, great activity on the part of the various organizations of the church, and liberal contributions for benevolence and congregational purposes.

At the annual congregational meeting, January 13, 1904, Dr. John K. Seaman was elected elder, in place of J. Fred. Gerhard, whose term had expired and who declined renomination. At the regular consistory meeting, February 3, 1904, Dr. Seaman was elected treasurer of the congregation.

The organist, J. Wilson Klein, was granted leave of absence, February 14, 1904, to July 1, 1904. During his absence Ernest H. Artz acceptably filled the position of organist.

"The Christian Visitor" having been published at considerable loss to the congregation,



it was decided on February 29, 1904, to discontinue its publication, and to issue an annual publication instead.

Easter Sunday, April 3, 1904, was a blessed day in the history of our church. Seventy-eight new members were received into the fellowship of the congregation—fifty by confirmation and twenty-eight by certificate of dismissal and renewal of faith. The offerings of the day amounted to \$2,069.47, of which the congregation contributed \$1,103.49 and the Sunday School \$965.98. The treasurer was enabled to pay \$1,500 on the mortgage, \$572 for interest and \$241.47 as the balance of the classical apportionment.

At a special meeting of the consistory held April 24, 1904, the organist's salary was increased to \$25.00 a month.

At the consistory meeting on May 2, 1904, it was decided to make an effort to pay the balance of our mortgage, \$10,500, by the time of our twenty-fifth anniversary, March 16, 1909. ■

The congregational annual, entitled "The Year Book of St. Stephen's Reformed Church," was published in the summer of 1904. It consisted of thirty-two pages of reading matter and

a four-page cover. It contained articles of interest to the members of the congregation; the annual parochial report; congregational statistics; a complete directory of the congregation and Sunday School; the baptisms, marriages and deaths which occurred since the discontinuance of "The Christian Visitor;" the officers of all the organizations of the church, and table prayers. It was sent gratuitously into every home of the congregation.

On July 10, 1904, Thomas B. Jones, who had served as sexton of the church for almost sixteen years, sent his resignation to the consistory. Action was deferred until a week later, July 17, 1904, when the resignation was accepted, to take effect August 1, 1904. The consistory elected a gentleman for the position on September 7, 1904, but he was found to be incompetent, and the position was declared to be vacant. At a special meeting of the consistory on September 30, 1904, Francis S. Hann was elected to the position at a salary of \$18.00 per month, beginning October 1, 1904. On December 7, 1904, his salary was increased to \$20.00 per month from January 1, 1905. At the same meeting the organist's salary was in-

creased to \$30.00 per month, beginning with January 1, 1905.

At the annual congregational meeting, January 11, 1905, Henry S. Bernhart was elected elder in place of Hiram K. Ritter, who declined to serve any longer.

It was decided by the consistory, February 1, 1905, to purchase a two thousand pound bell, with a suitable inscription, from Meneely and Company, of West Troy, New York. The bell fund had been started a number of years before, and was in charge of Charles W. Wanner. At the regular consistory meeting, March 1, 1905, Thomas Z. Bright was elected treasurer of the bell fund. By action of the consistory, April 2, 1905, the bell fund, amounting to \$755.70, was transferred to the congregational treasury. Thirty-eight dollars of unpaid subscriptions for the bell were collected, making the total amount in the bell fund \$793.70. The original cost of the bell was \$526.35, and \$9.17 were paid for freight, \$5.00 for drayage and \$135 for erecting the bell in the tower, making the total cost \$675.52.

On March 19, 1905, the twenty-first anniversary of the congregation was observed with



THE BELL.





a special service in the morning. The sermon was preached by Rev. D. W. Gerhard, D. D., brother of the departed pastor of the church. His theme was, "The Work of the Church is to Save Sinners," based on Luke 15: 2. The pastor reviewed the work of the congregation during the twenty-one years of its history, and made a plea for the cancellation of the balance of the debt during the next four years.

Easter Sunday, April 23, 1905, was another joyous occasion for our congregation. The number communed was 732, the largest communion in the history of the congregation. Eighty-five new members were received—forty-five by confirmation, and forty by certificate and reprofession of faith. The Easter offering amounted to \$3,138, of which the congregation contributed \$1,451.29 and the Sunday School \$1,686.71. The treasurer paid \$2,500 on the mortgage, the interest, and the balance of the classical apportionment.

At a special meeting of the consistory held at the home of Dr. John K. Seaman, on Easter Monday evening, April 24, 1905, without the knowledge of the pastor, it was decided to pay the pastor's house rent beginning with April 1, 1905.

The new bell was dedicated with special services on Sunday, May 28, 1905. In the morning Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., pastor of Calvary Reformed Church, preached on "The Use of Bells." His text was Exodus 39: 25, "And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the skirts of the robe round about, between the pomegranates." In the evening the pastor preached on "The Message of the Bell." His texts were Luke 2: 10 and Psalm 96: 9. The inscription on the bell is as follows: "Behold, I bring you good tidings. Luke 2: 10. Easter, 1905." After giving a brief history of the use of bells, and referring to bells in literature and in daily life, the pastor spoke of the message of the bell as a message of declaration, "Behold, I bring you good tidings," and a message of invitation, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." The bell has a sweet and mellow tone, and adds a great deal to the completeness of our church plant.

The pastor read the following resolutions at the dedication services:

WHEREAS, Charles W. Wanner undertook the task of raising funds for the purchase of a bell for St. Stephen's

Reformed Church, and succeeded beyond the expectation of all to collect a sum sufficient to pay for the bell and for placing it in the tower of the church, so that it can now be dedicated to the service of God,

*Resolved*, That we, the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, in behalf of the congregation, express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Wanner for the faithful and successful performance of this self-imposed duty, enabling us to enjoy the notes of a sweet-toned bell calling us to worship.

*Resolved*, That this resolution be read from the pulpit on dedication Sunday, that it be spread upon the minutes of the consistory, and that a copy thereof be sent to Mr. Wanner.

W. D. DELONG,  
M. J. COLLER,  
THOMAS W. DICKERT,  
*Committee.*

The twenty-second annual congregational meeting was held January 10, 1906. Elder Joseph R. Roth, after serving fifteen years in that capacity, and Lemon H. Hertz, after having been a deacon for twelve years, declined reelection. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered them for the faithful services they had rendered as members of the consistory. Dr. W. D. DeLong, after having been a deacon for ten years, was elected to take Elder Roth's place. M. J. Coller was reelected as elder for three years. John D. Heck and G. B. Trechsel were elected as deacons for three years, to take the

places of Dr. W. D. DeLong and Lemon H. Hertz respectively.

The consistory reorganized at the regular meeting on February 7, 1906, by reelecting all the former officers, except Secretary, to which office Albert M. Weyandt was elected.

On Easter Sunday, April 15, 1906, eighty-five new members were received—sixty-eight by confirmation and seventeen by certificate and reprofesion of faith. This was the largest class of catechumens confirmed in the history of the congregation. Seven hundred and fifty-seven members partook of the holy communion. The Easter offering amounted to \$2,709.25, of which the congregation contributed \$1,344.47 and the Sunday School \$1,364.78. Two thousand dollars was paid on the mortgage, reducing it to \$6,000.

At the regular consistory meeting, June 6, 1906, it was decided that we secure individual communion cups for use in our church. The following committee was appointed to solicit contributions to purchase the communion service: A. M. Weyandt, John D. Heck, S. P. Faust, G. B. Trechsel and H. S. Bernhart.



At a business meeting held in Mineral Springs Park, July 10, 1906, the Ushers' Association appointed a committee to issue an introductory number of a congregational paper to be known as "St. Stephen's Bulletin." This number was distributed among the members of the congregation early in the fall, and was favorably received. Beginning with October, 1906, "St. Stephen's Bulletin" was issued regularly every month, giving the members of the congregation interesting information concerning the activities of the congregation and all its organizations. The paper was a neat publication, 6 by 9 inches in size, having four pages of reading matter without any advertisements.

The sexton of the church having resigned, the janitor committee attended to the duties of the office during the summer months. At the consistory meeting held at the pastor's house, August 1, 1906, Alfred I. Derr was elected to the position at a salary of \$25.00 per month.

During the summer of 1906 the Christian Endeavor room was beautifully frescoed, newly carpeted, and furnished with chairs in place of the pews which had been in use since the church was built. A committee, composed of repre-



sentatives of the Christian Endeavor Society, the Sunday School, the Mission Band, the Junior Christian Endeavor Society and the Ushers' Association, had charge of the work. The emblems of these organizations were painted on the walls of the room.

On September 9, 1906, the consistory decided to make an effort to pay the balance of the church debt by the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation. The members of the congregation were apportioned among the members of the consistory, who were to solicit pledges toward the debt, payable in installments on or before the following dates, March 31 and October 1, 1907, and April 19 and October 15, 1908. Henry S. Bernhart was elected treasurer of the fund to be raised for this purpose.

The individual communion service was used for the first time at the communion on Sunday, October 14, 1906, and everybody was greatly pleased with the change. The outfit was secured from the Thomas Communion Service Company, of Lima, Ohio. It consists of 16 aluminum trays, 704 glass cups, 4 aluminum covers and 1 instantaneous filler, and the total cost, including expressage, was \$83.15.

On January 2, 1907, the consistory accepted the resignation of Deacon G. B. Trechsel, who had temporarily removed from the city.

The twenty-third annual congregational meeting was held January 16, 1907. Interesting and encouraging reports were presented by all the organizations of the church. Dr. J. K. Seaman was reelected elder for three years, Albert M. Weyandt and Thomas Z. Bright were reelected deacons for three years each, and Charles L. Kantner was elected deacon for two years to complete the unexpired term of G. B. Trechsel.

The need of a new department in the Sunday School for children from three to six years of age had been felt for some time, but there was no room to accommodate such a department. By action of the consistory, taken at a special meeting held December 23, 1906, the north portion of the assembly room was partitioned off and made into a suitable room to be used for this purpose. The room was occupied the beginning of March, 1907, by the newly-organized department of the Sunday School called the Beginners' Department, or Kindergarten, under the superintendency of Miss Lil-

lian Peter, assisted by Miss Mabel DeLong. By the time "The Year Book" for 1907 was published, less than four months after the organization of this department, there were one hundred and eleven scholars on its roll.

At the Easter service, March 31, 1907, sixty-five new members were added to the congregation—fifty-one by confirmation and fourteen by certificate and reprofession of faith. The number of those who communed was 748. The Easter offering reached the high-water mark, amounting to \$3,481.03, of which the congregation contributed \$2,370.98 and the Sunday School \$1,110.05. At the next meeting of the consistory, April 3, 1907, it was decided to pay \$3,000 on the church debt, reducing it to \$3,000.

The twelfth annual sessions of Reading Classis were held in our church, April 15 to 19, 1907. The Woman's Missionary Society of Reading Classis also met there on Thursday, May 18, 1907. The following evening programs were rendered:

#### MONDAY.

##### OPENING SESSION.

Preparatory service in charge of Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., and Rev. Thomas H. Leinbach. Sermon by the retiring President, Rev. Jno. Phil. Stein, D. D.

Holy communion in charge of Rev. C. E. Creitz and Rev. J. F. Moyer.

TUESDAY.

"EDUCATION."

Rev. James R. Brown presiding. Devotional services, Rev. Elam J. Snyder. "The Sunday School as an Educational Factor," Rev. R. W. Miller, D. D., Philadelphia. "The College and Seminary at Lancaster," Rev. C. E. Creitz.

WEDNESDAY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY.

Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer presiding. Devotional services, Rev. H. H. Ranck. "The Young People at Work," Mr. A. J. Shartle. "The Young People and the Church," Rev. A. V. Casselman. "The Young People and Missions," Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., Philadelphia.

THURSDAY.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Ella R. Hahn presiding. Devotional services, Rev. George W. Gerhard, Hamburg, Pa. Address, Miss Sadie Lea Weidner, returned missionary from Japan.

FRIDAY.

MEN'S MASS MEETING.

(For men only.) Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., presiding. Devotional services, Rev. William E. Harr. "Men and the Church," Mr. Charles H. Leinbach. "Men and the Sabbath," Rev. H. Y. Stoner. "Men and Church Finance," Mr. Jacob B. Fricker.

At a special meeting of the consistory held May 15, 1907, the pastor's salary was increased \$200 per year, beginning June 1, 1907, and



thereafter he was to receive the contributions of the catechumens at the confirmation service.

At the regular meeting of the consistory, June 6, 1907, the resignation of A. J. Shartle as financial secretary of the congregation was received and on motion accepted.

At a subsequent meeting, on June 9, 1907, the consistory decided to combine the offices of janitor and financial secretary, at a salary of \$35.00 a month and a commission of eight per cent. on all church dues received.

On Sunday morning, July 28, 1907, a farewell service was held in our church for Dr. D. B. Schneder, President of North Japan College, who was about to depart for Japan to resume his important work there. The pastor preached a special sermon on "Going Forth in the Name of Christ," based on Matthew 28: 19, 20. He presented Dr. Schneder with a check for \$25.00 in the name of the congregation, for the purchase of books for his personal use. Dr. Schneder delivered an address, in which he expressed his gratitude to the pastor and members of the congregation for their kindness to him and his family. Mrs. Schneder is a member of our congregation. She and the children remained in



this country after Dr. Schneder's departure, but she and the youngest daughter followed him in the spring of 1908, while the oldest two daughters remained in this country to complete their education. Dr. and Mrs. Schneder were married in our church in 1887, and have been laboring in Japan ever since. They came home on furlough in 1896, and to attend the General Synod in 1905, and on furlough in 1906.

The resignation of Alfred I. Derr as janitor was received July 21, 1909, and after a committee had seen Mr. Derr, the resignation was accepted at the regular meeting of the consistory on July 31, 1907. Mr. Henry Bloch was elected as janitor and financial secretary of the congregation at a special meeting of the consistory held September 1, 1907, at the salary above mentioned.

The pastor celebrated the fifth anniversary of his pastorate at St. Stephen's on Sunday morning, November 3, 1907, by preaching a special sermon on "The Power of the Gospel," based on Romans 1: 14-17. He read the following statistics of his five years' work: Baptisms, 320; marriages, 118; funerals, 131; members added to the congregation, 532—by con-

firmation 268 and by certificate and renewal of faith 264; communions, 20; communed, 10,771; visits, 5,000; money raised, \$35,400—for benevolence \$4,400 and for congregational purposes \$31,000.

At the consistory meeting of February 17, 1908, the following committees were created, and the pastor appointed the following persons to serve on them for the current year:

Janitor Committee—S. P. Faust, A. M. Weyandt, John D. Heck.

Music Committee—Dr. W. D. DeLong, M. J. Coller, Thomas Z. Bright.

Repair Committee—C. G. Grube, C. L. Kantner, S. P. Faust.

Coal Committee—Dr. J. K. Seaman, H. S. Bernhart, A. M. Weyandt.

Delinquent Committee—A. M. Weyandt, C. G. Grube, S. P. Faust, John D. Heck, Thomas Z. Bright, C. L. Kantner.

Fellowship Committee—M. J. Coller, Dr. J. K. Seaman, H. S. Bernhart, Dr. W. D. DeLong.

At the Easter communion services, April 19, 1908, fifty-five members were added to the congregation—forty-two by confirmation and thirteen by certificate and reprofesson of faith.

The number communed was 779. The Easter offering amounted to \$2,541.99, of which the congregation contributed \$1,687.89 and the Sunday School \$854.10.

The treasurer paid \$1500 on the church debt, which was reduced to \$1,500.

Elder Milton J. Coller, who had been a member of the consistory ever since the organization of the congregation, serving as deacon for almost twelve years and as elder for more than twelve years, was suddenly called to his eternal home on Tuesday night, May 26, 1908, at the age of 55 years, 6 months and 23 days.

At a special meeting of the consistory on May 27, 1908, a committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of Mr. Coller. The committee reported at the regular meeting of the consistory, June 3, 1908, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, We recognize the overruling hand of an all-wise Providence in all the affairs of life and submit uncomplainingly to His beneficent laws, whether they bring sorrow or joy.

WHEREAS, St. Stephen's congregation and this body have suffered a great loss in the death of Brother Milton J. Coller, the senior elder of this congregation, and,

WHEREAS, Brother Collier was a charter member of this church and an officer since its organization, therefore be it

*Resolved.* That by his devotion, loyalty and faithfulness to and love and service for the church in all its departments he manifested a beautiful Christian spirit.

*Resolved.* That the removal of such a life leaves a vacancy and casts a gloom that will be realized by all the members of this congregation and will prove a serious loss to all who have come under his influence.

*Resolved.* That we express our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved family of the deceased and commend them to our heavenly Father, who so rules that even our losses are for our eternal good.

*Resolved.* That a copy of these resolutions be inscribed on our minutes, a copy sent to the family, and that they be published in the church papers.

SAMUEL P. FAUST,  
DR. W. D. DELONG,  
JOHN D. HECK,

*Committee.*

At the same meeting the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Collier was filled by the election of Alvin J. Shartle as elder of the congregation, and at the subsequent meeting, on July 2, 1908, Dr. W. D. DeLong was elected vice-president of the consistory.

The janitor and financial secretary sent his resignation to the consistory on November 4, 1908. The resignation was accepted at a special meeting of the consistory held on Novem-



ber 11, 1908, to take effect November 30, 1908, and Lemon H. Hertz was elected to the double position at a salary of \$35.00 per month and eight per cent. of the church dues received, his term of office to begin December 1, 1908.

At the same meeting the consistory decided to publish five hundred copies of the history of our congregation, to be prepared by the pastor sometime after the twenty-fifth anniversary.

At the consistory meeting held January 5, 1909, C. G. Grube resigned as deacon, because of his removal from the city. The consistory conveyed to him their regret to lose him, and also their appreciation for the faithful service rendered during the thirteen years in which he held the office. He had also served for almost ten years as financial secretary of the consistory.

The twenty-fifth annual congregational meeting was held January 13, 1909. Interesting and encouraging reports were read by all the organizations connected with the congregation. The following officers were elected: Elders, Dr. W. D. DeLong and A. J. Shartle, each for three years; Deacons, John D. Heck and Charles L. Kantner, each for three years; and Milton L.



Haag for two years, to fill the unexpired term of C. G. Grube.

At a special meeting of the consistory on January 19, 1909, a committee was appointed to secure a memorial tablet to be placed in the church during the twenty-fifth anniversary services in memory of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., the departed pastor.

At the regular meeting held February 3, 1909, the consistory reelected all the former officers, with the exception of financial secretary of the consistory, which office was vacant because of the removal of Mr. Grube, in whose place Charles L. Kantner was elected to fill the office.

The so-called anniversary offering, for the payment of the church debt, was given at the church services on Sunday, March 7, 1909. This offering, together with the subscriptions which had been paid, enabled the treasurer of the building fund to pay into the church treasury \$2,424.42. This amount would no doubt have been larger if it had not been for the financial depression of more than a year past.

At a special meeting of the consistory held on Sunday evening, March 7, 1909, the treas-

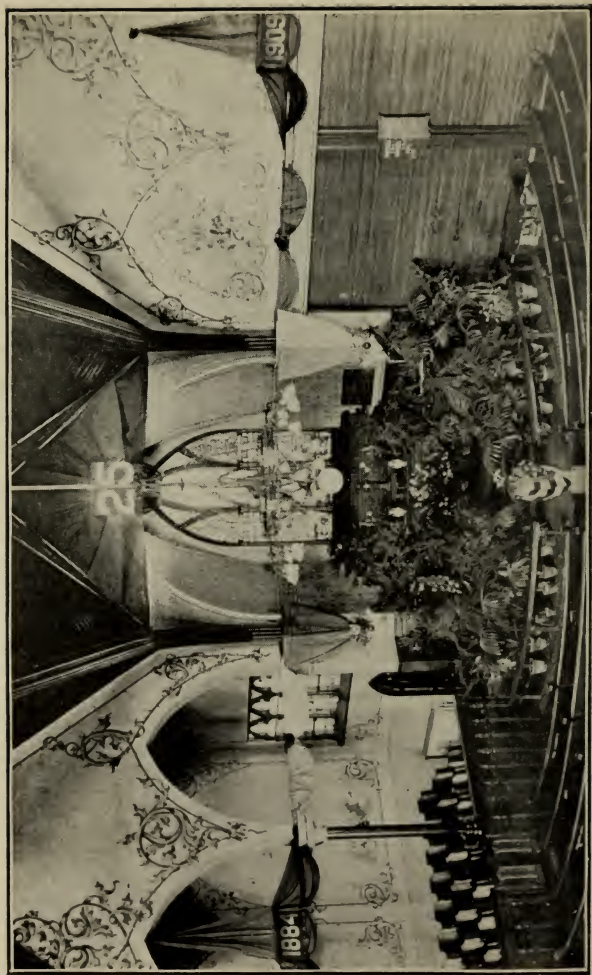
urer was instructed to pay the balance due on the mortgage, \$1,500. This was the final meeting of the consistory before the twenty-fifth anniversary.

During this period our congregation received two legacies. One of these was \$200 from Moses Graeff, less \$10.00 for inheritance tax, which was paid as follows: August 3, 1906, \$115.73, and July 31, 1907, \$74.27. The other was from William Hinnershitz, amounting to \$1,000, free from tax, which was paid November 4, 1908.

When we review the work of these five years, we may well call them an era of prosperity. It was a busy period for both pastor and people, but they rejoiced in the privilege of having been permitted to labor together in love as the co-workers of God for the upbuilding of His kingdom.







INTERIOR VIEW OF CHURCH ON TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.



## CHAPTER X

### THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY



THE twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation was celebrated with special services, beginning Sunday morning, March 14, 1909, and closing Sunday evening, March 21, 1909. A beautiful sixteen-page souvenir program had been prepared for the occasion, and was presented to every one attending the jubilee services. It contained portraits of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., who organized the congregation, March 16, 1884, and of Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, the present pastor, who preached the anniversary sermon, March 16, 1909, and cuts of the church buildings in which the congregation was organized and in which the jubilee services were held.

The following order of service was used at the morning service, March 14, 1909, beginning at ten o'clock :

Prelude, "Priere," T. Hassard ; invocation, by the pastor ; Kyrie (congregation kneeling) ; Confession and Declaration of Pardon ; hymn, No. 406, "Oh, Worship the King, All-glorious Above" (congregation standing) ; Psalm

145; anthem, "Jubilate Deo," Wiske; Scripture Lessons, St. Luke 11: 14-28, Eph. 5: 1-9; Gloria Patri; Creed; prayer, by the pastor; announcements; hymn, No. 443, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken;" sermon, Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., pastor St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church; prayer, Dr. Bausman; offertory, "Pastorale in F," Joan Williams; offering; offertory hymn, No. 617, "Praise to God, Immortal Praise;" closing hymn, No. 293, "Jesus, the Shepherd of the Sheep;" benediction, Dr. Bausman; postlude, "Postlude in E Flat," E. Batiste.

It was fitting that Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., should preach the opening sermon of jubilee week. He was, in a sense, the father of St. Stephen's Reformed Church. As already indicated,\* Emanuel's Reformed Sunday School, which was organized in 1864, was taken under the fostering care of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church in 1879, and was reorganized as St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School in 1883. Dr. Bausman exercised a fatherly oversight over this school, which was destined to evolve into St. Stephen's Reformed congregation.

Dr. Bausman preached an eloquent sermon of a historical and reminiscent character on the text, Psalm 126: 3, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." His theme was, "The Hand of God in the History of this Congregation." He dwelt on the early history

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\* See pages 18-23.

of the congregation and its marvelous growth and development in twenty-five years. He spoke of the church extension policy of the Reformed Church in Reading, saying that they were always in advance of the population, but that future developments justified their policy. He paid a beautiful tribute to Dr. C. S. Gerhard, the first pastor of the congregation.

The Sunday School held a special service in the afternoon, beginning at two o'clock, in the church auditorium, which was filled to overflowing with an enthusiastic audience of children and young people. The superintendent, Dr. W. D. DeLong, presided, and the following special service was rendered:

Invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 61, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ("Hymns for His Praise" used at this service); Scripture Lesson, Acts 9: 32-43, Dr. W. D. DeLong; prayer, by the pastor; hymn, No. 77, "My Jesus, I Love Thee;" hymn, by Beginners' Department; responsive reading, Psalm 19, A. J. Shartle; hymn, by Primary Department; address, Chas. H. Leinbach, president Berks County Sabbath School Association and superintendent St. Andrew's Reformed Sunday School; hymn, by Junior Department; piano solo, Miss Alice Hoffman; announcements; offering; closing hymn, No. 48, "When All My Labors and Trials Are O'er;" Lord's Prayer; doxology; benediction.

The address was delivered by Mr. Charles H. Leinbach, president of Berks County Sab-

bath School Association and superintendent of St. Andrew's Reformed Sunday School. He spoke in his usually enthusiastic way and praised the work that is being done by St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School.

The Christian Endeavor prayer and praise service, at half past six o'clock, was in charge of Mr. William J. Lowe, the president. Several special musical features added to the enjoyment of the occasion, and a very helpful and impressive address was delivered by Mr. Calvin D. Moser, of St. Andrew's Reformed Church.

The evening service began at half past seven o'clock and was well attended. The sermon was preached by Rev. George W. Richards, D. D., professor of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, on the text, John 4: 38, "Others have labored, and ye have entered into their labor." His sermon was of a high order, and was very much appreciated and enjoyed by the large congregation. He spoke of the noble qualities of Dr. C. S. Gerhard, the first pastor, and congratulated the congregation on having Rev. Mr. Dickert for its present pastor, who has been so successful in adding to the fruits of



the labors of his predecessor, and predicted a bright future for the congregation.

The order of service was as follows :

Prelude, "Prelude in G," J. Herzog; hymn, No. 423, "Oh, Could I Speak the Matchless Worth" (congregation standing); invocation, by the pastor; prayer, by the pastor; Psalm 103; anthem, "Praise the Lord," Caleb Simper; Scripture Lessons, St. Matthew 5 : 1-16, 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Gloria Patri; Creed; prayer, by the pastor; announcements; hymn, No. 436, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord;" sermon, Rev. G. W. Richards, D. D., Professor of Church History, Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.; prayer, by Dr. Richards; offertory, "Nocturne," Victor Hammerel; offering; offertory hymn, No. 361, "We Give Thee but Thine Own;" hymn, No. 679, "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name we Raise;" doxology; benediction, by Dr. Richards; postlude, "March in C," E. Batiste.

The services during the week were devoted to the different organizations of the congregation.

On Monday evening, March 15, the Sunday School service was held, with the following order of service :

Prelude, "Meditation," G. V. Flagler; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 689, "Beautiful Savior, King of Creation;" Psalm 23; Scripture Lessons, St. John 4: 1-26, Acts 8: 26-40, Rev. J. F. Moyer; Gloria Patri; prayer, by Dr. C. Clever; hymn, No. 688, "How Shall the Young Secure their Hearts?" address, Rev. C. Clever, D. D., pastor of Reformed church, Hagerstown, Md., and President of Sunday School Board of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; anthem, "Rejoice



in the Lord," H. Katzschmar; announcements; offertory, "Carrolling of the Birds," G. Michenz; offering; hymn, No. 719, "I Think when I Read that Sweet Story of Old;" address, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, D. D., Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; greetings from visiting ministers; closing hymn, No. 725, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me;" Lord's Prayer; doxology; benediction, by Dr. Clever; postlude, "March in E Flat," E. Batiste.

Both Dr. Clever and Dr. Miller spoke in a helpful and inspiring way concerning Sunday School work. Greetings were given by Rev. J. F. Moyer, pastor of the First Reformed Church, and Rev. C. E. Creitz, associate pastor of St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church.

On Tuesday evening, March 16, the anniversary proper was held. This was by far the best attended service of the whole jubilee celebration. The pastor preached the anniversary sermon, using for his text Acts 6: 5, 8, 15; 7: 55, 59, 60; 22: 20. He spoke of St. Stephen as the patron saint of the congregation, not in the sense of protector or benefactor, but as a noble Christian example, whose spirit and life we should ever strive to imitate. He spoke of the faith of the founders and early members of the congregation who laid the foundations broad and deep upon which we are now build-

ing the superstructure. Mr. Dickert gave a brief history of the congregation from the beginning to the present time, which it is not necessary to repeat here, because this whole volume is an elaboration of it.

In the course of his sermon Rev. Mr. Dickert paid the following tribute to his predecessor: "Dr. Gerhard gave personal oversight to the work of erecting the new church, and his master mind and eagle eye looked after every detail of the structure. The exacting work and exposure incident to this supervision undermined his health, and for but a few short years, with shattered and declining health, was he permitted to minister unto his people and to lead them in their worship in the beautiful church. He built his life into the church, as well as into the congregation, and it stands as a monument to his faithful and self-sacrificing service of his Master."

The event to which every one had looked forward for a number of years, for which much labor had been expended and many liberal offerings given, was the burning of the mortgage. When the new church was dedicated, November 19, 1899, there was a debt of \$14,000 rest-

ing upon it. In 1902 \$1,000 was paid on it, leaving a balance of \$13,000 when the new pastor took charge of the work. The following payments were made upon the mortgage during Mr. Dickert's pastorate: 1903, \$1,000; 1904, \$1,500; 1905, \$2,500; 1906, \$2,000; 1907, \$3,000; 1908, \$1,500; 1909, \$1,500, the balance. The mortgage was burned by Mr. Dickert while the congregation stood and chanted "Te Deum Laudamus."

A tablet in memory of Dr. Gerhard was then unveiled by Mr. Dickert. It is a bronze tablet 18 by 30 inches in size, placed on the wall back of the pulpit, to the right of and above the altar, with the following inscription in raised letters:

In loving memory of  
Calvin Seibert Gerhard, D. D.,  
First Pastor of this Church,  
March 16, 1884—October 29, 1902.  
Born October 3, 1845. Died October 29, 1902.  
"I am the Resurrection and the Life."  
—John 11: 25.—

The Rev. Andrew H. Smith, of Tomsbrook, Va., a son of the congregation, was present and spoke of the early history of the congregation, and of his appreciation of the work and influence of Dr. Gerhard.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CALVIN SEIBERT GERHARD, D.D.

FIRST PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH.

MARCH 16, 1884 TO OCTOBER 29, 1902.

BORN, OCTOBER 3, 1845. DIED, OCTOBER 29, 1902.

I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE.

JOHN 11:25.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO REV. C. S. GERHARD, D. D.





Rev. W. B. Burk, President of the Reading Ministerial Association, was present and extended the cordial greetings and hearty congratulations of that body.

The following is the order of service in detail:

"Now Thank we All Our God," invisible choir; prelude, "Fanfare," Th. Dubois; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 277, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (congregation standing); Psalm 84; Scripture Lessons, St. Matthew 13: 24-33, Revelation 21: 1-7, Rev. A. H. Smith; Gloria Patri; prayer, Rev. W. B. Burk; hymn, No. 438, "Come We that Love the Lord;" anniversary sermon, Rev. Thomas W. Dickert; burning of mortgage; hymn, No. 2, "Te Deum Laudamus;" offertory, "Petit Choeur Triumphale," Chas. Vincent; offering; unveiling of memorial tablet to Rev. Calvin Seibert Gerhard, D. D.; hymn, No. 452, "Jesus, I Live to Thee;" address, Rev. Andrew H. Smith, pastor Harrisville Reformed Charge, Tomsbrook, Va., a son of the congregation; greetings from visiting ministers; closing hymn, No. 680, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing;" Lord's Prayer; doxology; benediction, Rev. Andrew H. Smith; postlude, "Postlude in A," Victor Hammerel.

The service on Wednesday evening, March 17, was devoted to the choir and the Ladies' Aid Society, and both organizations attended in a body. This order of service was carried out:

Prelude, "March in B Flat," Victor Hammerel; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 136, "Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus!" Psalm 100; Scripture Lessons, St. Luke 10: 38-42, James 2: 14-26, Rev. W. E. Harr; prayer, Rev.

W. E. Harr; cantata by the choir, "Song of Thanksgiving," first part (words by Shapcott Wensley, music by J. H. Maunder); address, Prof. William F. Curtis, President Allentown College for Women, Allentown, Pa.; hymn, No. 230, "Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All;" offering; greetings from visiting ministers; cantata by the choir, "Song of Thanksgiving," second part; doxology; benediction, Rev. C. E. Kistler; postlude, "March in C," E. Batiste.

The cantata rendered by our choir was of a high order, and was well rendered. Prof. Wm. F. Curtis, President of Allentown College for Women, spoke on "Woman's Work." Greetings and congratulations were given by Rev. C. E. Kistler, pastor of Alsace Lutheran Church, and Rev. Wm. E. Harr, pastor of Faith Reformed Church.

Thursday evening, March 18, was missionary evening, in honor of the Missionary Society and the Mission Band. The Mission Band sang a beautiful missionary hymn. Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church and General Superintendent of Home Missions, spoke on "Home Missions;" Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, spoke on "Foreign Missions," and Miss S. Emma Ziemer, returned missionary from China, spoke

briefly on the work in that country. The three addresses were greatly enjoyed, and added much to the success of Jubilee Week. Greetings were brought by Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., pastor of Second Reformed Church; Rev. Elam J. Snyder, pastor of Grace (Alsace) Reformed Church, and Rev. Lee M. Erdman, pastor of St. Thomas' Reformed Church.

The complete order of service of the evening was as follows:

Prelude, "Prelude in B Flat," James Lyon; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 693, "Onward, Christian Soldiers;" Psalm 2; Scripture Lessons, St. John 10: 7-18, Ephesians 6: 10-20, Rev. E. J. Snyder; prayer, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D.; anthem, "How Lovely are the Messengers," Mendelssohn; address, "Home Missions," Rev. Chas. E. Schaeffer, pastor St. Mark's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., and General Superintendent of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States; hymn, by Mission Band; address, "Foreign Missions," Rev. Christophor L. Noss, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Lancaster, Pa.; offertory, "Reverie," M. C. Baldwin; offering; hymn, No. 143, "Christ for the World we Sing;" address, Miss S. Emma Ziemer, returned missionary from China; contralto solo, Miss Florence Barron; greetings from visiting ministers; closing hymn, No. 109, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun;" benediction, Professor Noss; postlude, "Grand Chorus," E. Lemaigne.

The Young People's service was held on Friday evening, March 19, representing the

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, the Junior Christian Endeavor Society, and the Ushers' Association, all of which organizations marched into the service in a body. Mr. A. J. Shartle, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania C. E. Union, and a member of the congregation, spoke on "Christian Endeavor," and Rev. Theodore F. Herman, pastor of Salem Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., and President of Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, spoke on "Young Men and the Church." Both addresses were eloquent and made a good impression. The special features of the service were a selection by a mixed chorus representing the Christian Endeavor Society, a hymn by the Junior Christian Endeavor Society, and a selection by the male chorus of the Ushers' Association. Greetings were given by Rev. Luther Brownmiller, associate pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

This order of service was followed :

Prelude, "Processional in C," E. Batiste; invocation, by the pastor; hymn, No. 157, "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God;" Psalm 1; Scripture Lessons, St. Luke 18: 18-30, 1 John 2: 12-17; prayer, by the pastor; hymn, No. 354, "More Love to Thee, O Christ; address, A. J. Shartle, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor

Union; selection by chorus; offering; exercise by the Junior Christian Endeavor Society; address, Rev. Theodore F. Herman, pastor Salem Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., and President of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; selection by male chorus; greetings from visiting ministers; closing hymn, No. 419, "So Let Our Lips and Lives Express;" benediction, Rev. Theodore F. Herman; postlude, "Festival March."

On Sunday morning, March 21, Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., Professor of Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., preached a most eloquent and edifying sermon on Luke 24: 48, "Ye are witnesses of these things."

The following "Anniversary Hymn," composed by the pastor for this occasion, was sung at both the morning and evening services to the tune "Aurelia," No. 441 in the Reformed Church Hymnal:

Oh, God, our Heavenly Father,  
 In gratitude we raise  
 Our joyful hearts and voices  
 To sing this hymn of praise.  
 We thank Thee for the blessings  
 These years have brought from Thee;  
 We celebrate with gladness  
 Our Silver Jubilee.

We thank Thee that Thy favor  
 Has blest the works here wrought;  
 And that Thou hast accepted  
 The off'rings we have brought.



We laid upon Thine altar  
 Our faith and hope and love,  
 And now the precious harvest  
 Is giv'n us from above.

We praise Thee for the visions  
 Our souls have here beheld;  
 And every precious promise  
 Our childlike faith has spelled.  
 We learned to know our Savior  
 Far better than before;  
 And guided by His Spirit  
 We'll love Him more and more.

Watch o'er us in the future  
 And keep us ever true;  
 And help us, O our Father,  
 Still greater things to do.  
 Until life's work is finished  
 And cares are laid aside,  
 Oh, let Thy benediction  
 Upon us all abide.

The complete morning service was as follows :

Prelude, "Prayer," Victor Hammerel; invocation, by the pastor; Kyrie (congregation kneeling); Confession and Declaration of Pardon; hymn, No. 334, "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty;" Psalm 122; anthem, "Praise the Lord, O my Soul," R. Smart; Scripture Lessons, St. John 6 : 1-14, Galatians 4 : 21-31; Gloria Patri; Creed; prayer, by the pastor; announcements; "Anniversary Hymn;" sermon, Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., Professor Practical Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, Lancaster, Pa.; prayer, Dr. Bowman; offertory, "Pastorale," Zipoli; of-

fering; offertory hymn, No. 617, "Praise to God, Immortal Praise;" closing hymn, No. 107, "Abide Among Us with Thy Grace;" benediction, Dr. Bowman; postlude, "Scherzino," A. G. Colborn.

Dr. Bowman and Dr. Musser delivered brief addresses in the Sunday School in the afternoon. The special prayer and praise service of the Christian Endeavor Society was led by Mr. John D. Heck, chairman of the Prayer Meeting Committee. An impressive address was given by Rev. H. Y. Stoner. He was followed by Dr. C. J. Musser.

At the closing service of Jubilee Week on Sunday evening the sermon was preached by Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," Philadelphia, and it was a fitting climax to the series of excellent services which marked the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary. He preached on John 21 : 25, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written." Rev. H. Y. Stoner, a son of the congregation, delivered a brief address, with much feeling referring to his connection with

St. Stephen's and the influence which Dr. Gerhard exerted upon him.

The following statistics were read by the pastor at this service: During Dr. C. S. Gerhard's pastorate, from March 16, 1884, to October 29, 1902—Baptisms, 566; confirmed, 568; received by certificate and reprofession, 732; total number of members received by Dr. Gerhard, 1,300; contributions for benevolence, \$7,018; for congregational purposes, \$63,549; membership at the close of Dr. Gerhard's pastorate, 752; Sunday School, 860.

During Rev. Thomas W. Dickert's pastorate, from November 1, 1902, to March 16, 1909—Baptisms, 415; confirmed, 310; received by certificate and reprofession, 306; total number received by Mr. Dickert to date, 616; contributions for benevolence, \$6,591; for congregational purposes, \$40,709; present membership of congregation, 1,160; Sunday School, 1,285.

Total for twenty-five years—Baptisms, 981; confirmed, 878; certificate and reprofession, 1,038; total number of members during twenty-five years, 1,916; contributions for benevolence, \$13,609; for congregational purposes, \$104,258; grand total for all purposes, \$117,867.

The following order of worship was used at this closing service of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary :

Prelude, "Berceuse in A," G. Delbruck ; opening hymn, No. 214, "Nearer, my God, to Thee" (congregation standing); invocation; by the pastor; prayer; Psalm 24; anthem, "Hark, Hark, my Soul," Shelly; Scripture Lessons, St. John 15: 1-14, Romans 12: 1-21, Rev. H. Y. Stoner; Gloria Patri; Creed; prayer, Rev. H. Y. Stoner; announcements; "Anniversary Hymn;" sermon, Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., editor of "Reformed Church Messenger;" prayer, Dr. Musser; offertory, "Pilgrims' Chorus" from Tannhaeuser, Wagner; offering; offertory hymn, No. 361, "We Give Thee but Thine Own;" closing hymn, No. 360, "Blest be the Tie that Binds;" doxology; benediction, Rev. H. Y. Stoner; postlude, "Fanfare in G minor," E. L. Ashford.

The church was beautifully decorated for this occasion with potted plants and cut flowers, artistically arranged in the pulpit and chancel, and with bunting representing the Church colors, and the American and Christian Endeavor flags, and electric and gas effects representing some of the organizations of the church, and bringing prominently before the congregation the figures 1884 and 1909, and the number 25 made of groups of incandescent lights.

The music rendered by Mr. J. Wilson Klein, the organist, and the anthems and cantata, were all of a high order, and added a great deal to

the excellent character of the whole week's services.

The sermons and addresses were all of such rare excellence that it is impossible to characterize them individually without using the same terms of commendation and praise.

The first twenty-five years of the life of St. Stephen's Reformed Church is recorded history, and it is a record in which we may take pardonable pride, but the work is not by any means all accomplished, and if we go hopefully forward, continuing to build on the splendid foundations of the past, trusting in God for guidance and help, we shall be able to make a still better record in the future, so that, in the providence of God, the Golden Jubilee of the congregation may have a still better story to tell.

Let us not too much pride ourselves in the achievements of the past, nor fold our hands in idleness, but let the words of St. Paul be the motto of every member of St. Stephen's in making her future history: "Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."



## CHAPTER XI

### THE PASTORS OF THE CONGREGATION



**D**URING the first twenty-five years of its history St. Stephen's Reformed congregation knew but two pastors. The first of these was Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D., who organized the congregation on March 16, 1884, and served it faithfully until the time of his departure to his heavenly reward, October 29, 1902. His successor, whom he helped to select, is Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, who has served the congregation since November 1, 1902.

The history of St. Stephen's would not be complete without a brief sketch of these pastors.

**REV. CALVIN SEIBERT GERHARD, D. D.\***

Rev. Calvin Seibert Gerhard, D. D., was born in Nockamixon township, near Kintnersville, Bucks county, Pa., October 3, 1845. His great-great-grandfather, Frederick Gerhard, em-

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\* An extended sketch of the career of the first pastor may be found in "The Life of the Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D.," a book of 256 pages, edited by his successor, in which he is spoken of by his friends as a man, as a student, as a Christian minister, as a pastor, in his relation to the Church at large, as a theologian, and as an author. This book was published in the fall of 1904, and has had a large sale.

igrated from Longenselbold, Hesse Cassel, Germany, to America in 1837, and settled in Berks county, Pa. He was a staunch supporter of the Reformed faith.

Calvin Seibert was the fifth of the eight children born to the Rev. William T. Gerhard and his wife Elizabeth, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Seibert. His home training was of an exceptionally high order and helped to determine the choice of his life's work. He attended the public schools of his native county, in Durham township, to which the family removed a few years after his birth. In 1859 his father accepted a call to become pastor of a number of country congregations near Lancaster, Pa., and the family removed to that city in the spring of that year. One of the determining factors which prompted the father to make a change of pastorates was the educational advantages afforded his five sons, all of whom attended and graduated from Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster.

Calvin attended the Lancaster High School for several years, and prepared for admission into the college in 1861. Early during his college course he developed a fondness for read-

ing, writing and public speaking. He thought seriously of becoming a lawyer, but also had a strong conviction that he ought to enter the Christian ministry. As time went by he felt more and more convinced that he must become a minister, and decided to make that his calling in life. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1865 with the highest honors, which he shared with T. O. Stem, being also the valedictorian of his class. Of the five sons of this noble family two entered the ministry, two the medical profession, and one died while a middler in the Theological Seminary.

After teaching one year respectively at Fayetteville, Franklin county, Pa., and Oley Academy, Friedensburg, Berks county, Pa., in the fall of 1867 he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Mercersburg, Pa., from which he graduated in 1870.

He accepted a call to become pastor of the First Reformed Church in Sunbury, Pa., and was ordained and installed on October 4, 1870. He entered upon his work with great energy, and met with decided success.

After laboring in his new field a little more than a year, he took unto himself a helpmeet,

Miss Emma Elizabeth Glase, of Friedensburg, Berks county, Pa., to whom he was united in holy matrimony on October 12, 1871.

Mr. Gerhard was a tactful and affectionate pastor, an interesting and forceful preacher, and a scholarly and convincing essayist. He was a systematic student and contributed a number of articles to the Church periodicals. During the nine years of his pastorate at Sunbury he contributed six important articles to the "Reformed Church Messenger" and three scholarly essays to "The Mercersburg Review." The titles of the latter were "True Conversion and Religious Experience" (July, 1874); "Apostolic Succession" (July, 1875); and "Life Beyond the Grave" (April, 1878).

When he came to Sunbury, the congregation had only 130 members. He did faithful work, and, although the growth was not phenomenal, due to local conditions, he had the pleasure of reporting a membership of 193 at the end of his pastorate there.

He made many improvements in the church services during his pastorate. Through his efforts a fine parsonage was built and paid for,

which was quite an undertaking for so small a congregation.

Although his first pastorate had been a pleasant and successful one, he felt constrained to leave Sunbury and to take charge of a mission with 157 members, known as Trinity Reformed Church, in Columbia, Pa. He began his work there on July 1, 1879, and entered upon it with great zeal. During a brief pastorate of four years the parsonage was cleared of debt, and the congregation became self-sustaining, and increased to a membership of 185. Although he was busy with his pastoral work, he found time to contribute a lengthy article to the "Reformed Church Messenger" of June 8, 1881, on "Translations of the Bible," and one to the "Reformed Quarterly Review" for April, 1882, on "Christian Education and the Public Schools." During this period he also served as a member of the Columbia School Board.

On the first of November, 1883, he removed to Reading, Pa., to take charge of a new interest to be known as St. Stephen's Reformed Church. The new church building which was being erected was nearing completion when he arrived upon the scene, and was dedicated on



November 30, 1883. During the winter he conducted services in the church and did missionary work among the residents of the community, and the following spring, on March 16, 1884, he organized St. Stephen's Reformed congregation with fifty-seven charter members. The Sunday School had sixty members, when, on December 23, 1883, it was reorganized as St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School. At the end of the first year the congregation numbered one hundred and sixteen members, and the Sunday School had three hundred and seven members enrolled. The new interest grew steadily under the leadership of the energetic pastor, and developed into a large and flourishing congregation.

Dr. Gerhard was an able leader, an interesting preacher and a faithful pastor, and succeeded in gathering around him a band of people, whom he molded into a homogeneous and harmonious congregation.

When he organized St. Stephen's, the congregation worshipped in a neat brick building which had been erected by the Reformed people of Reading. There was a mortgage of \$3,000 resting upon the lot on which the building

stood, and the Board of Home Missions made an annual appropriation toward the pastor's salary. In 1885 it was necessary to enlarge the building, and a vestibule, with steeple, and a class room, were added. In 1889 an annex was built to the church at a cost of over \$1,600. On April 1, 1890, the congregation became self-sustaining. The debt on the property was paid in 1892, and the mortgage was burned July 10, 1892. In 1898 the old church was torn down and a new one erected, the corner-stone being laid July 3, 1898, and the completed building dedicated November 19, 1899.

Both the Sunday School and the congregation grew rapidly. By the time of the ninth anniversary the membership of the congregation had passed the 500 mark, and that of the Sunday School was 658. At the time of Dr. Gerhard's death the congregation numbered 750 members and the Sunday School had an enrollment of 860.

Dr. Gerhard took an active interest in local affairs, and served as a member of the Reading School Board from December, 1885, to February, 1888. He was an ardent supporter of the Young Men's Christian Association, and en-

couraged every effort for the moral improvement of the city.

In 1885 he spent five months in Europe and the Holy Land, and, after his return, delivered a number of sermons, addresses and lectures, which commanded wide attention.

He was always deeply interested in everything that pertained to the welfare of his denomination and of Christianity in general. He took an active part in all the deliberations of the judicatories of the Church from the Classis to the General Synod. He was elected president of East Susquehanna Classis in 1875; of Schuylkill Classis in 1891; of Reading Classis in 1899; of the Eastern Synod in 1891; and of the General Synod in 1899. One of his last public acts was to preach the opening sermon at the meeting of the General Synod at Baltimore, May 20, 1902.

He served as a member of the Board of Home Missions from December, 1877, to December, 1881, and from November, 1889, to the time of his death in 1902, and was on its Executive Council during the whole of the latter period.

He took an active interest in Sunday School affairs, and was instrumental in creating the Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church in the United States. He was a member of the Board from the time of its organization to the end of his life, and served as its first president from 1887 to 1893, when he was relieved of the office at his own request. He was chairman of the Editorial Committee of the Sunday School Board, under whose auspices the Sunday School Hymnal was prepared.

In 1891 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Franklin and Marshall College.

He was a frequent contributor to the Church papers, in spite of his manifold duties in his growing congregation. From December 19, 1883, to October 31, 1888, he was Synodical Editor of the "Reformed Church Messenger," during which period he contributed many important articles. He also contributed a number of able articles to the "Reformed Quarterly Review," afterward known as the "Reformed Church Review," the titles and dates of which are, "The New Birth," January, 1891; "Dr. Titzel on Death and the Resurrection," Janu-



ary, 1896; "The Ever-Living Christ," January, 1897; "The Bible and the Word of God," January, 1898.

In 1895 he published a volume of 240 pages on "Death and the Resurrection," and in 1901 a small volume entitled "Bible Studies, in the Form of Questions and Answers, for Children," an excellent book of supplemental lessons for the Junior grade in the Sunday school.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerhard were blessed with four sons. Two of these, giving promise of most successful careers in their respective callings, were taken home in the prime of their young manhood. Rev. W. Glase Gerhard went to his eternal reward July 22, 1901, and his brother, John M. Gerhard, followed September 10, 1901. The family was thus doubly afflicted in the loss of their two noble sons, and received the sincere sympathy of the whole community, as well as of the Church at large.

The father, who had undermined his health in the strenuous labors incident to the erection of the new church, was not long to survive his sons. He was called home October 29, 1902, at the age of 57 years and 26 days. Largely attended funeral services were held on Monday



afternoon, November 3, 1902, and the remains were laid to rest in Charles Evans Cemetery. The survivors of the family are the widow, Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard, and two sons, Charles Herbert Gerhard and Frederick Bruce Gerhard.

We close this brief sketch by quoting the words of Dr. John S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College, from his introduction\* to "The Life of the Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D.," where he says: "Dr. Gerhard was a well-rounded man, and the tendrils of his nature reached out in many different directions. This was felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him. There are, however, two special traits or characteristics of the man to which it may be proper to call attention in this connection. The first is a high order of intellectual strength, keenness of mind, eagerness for knowledge and a desire to know the truth; the other we may characterize by the general term loyalty—loyalty to his friends, loyalty to the truth, loyalty to the faith which he professed."

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REV. THOMAS WILSON DICKERT, A. M.

Rev. Thomas Wilson Dickert, son of Thomas R. and Levina (Mininger) Dickert, was born

at Zion Hill, Bucks county, Pa., March 9, 1869. His parents and grandparents were faithful members of the Reformed Church at Zion Hill, and the home of his grandfather, Joseph Mininger, was the usual stopping place of the pastors who preached in the charge.

His mother was a descendant of Christopher Heller (1688—1778), who lived at Petersheim, two and a half miles from Bingen-on-the-Rhine, and came to America in 1738. He was the great-great-great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. His descendants in this country, leading down to Mr. Dickert, were Ludwig Heller (1728—1807), John Heller, Adam Heller, Mrs. Mary Magdalene (Heller) Mininger (1813—1890), and Mrs. Levina (Mininger) Dickert (1844—1896).

In his infancy Mr. Dickert was somewhat puny and sickly, and suffered from most of the diseases to which children are subject, but after he was seven years old his health began to improve, and he has not suffered much sickness since then. He received very little schooling during the first ten years of his life, but his mother was an intelligent woman, with a poetic turn of mind, and she gave him such an intel-

lectual and spiritual training that when his school days began he was able to enter the grades attended by other children of his age.

In 1879 the family removed to the country, about a mile from Zion Hill, and in 1880 they went to Quakertown, about three miles distant. This growing borough had excellent schools, and Mr. Dickert passed through all the grades in six years, graduating from the High School on June 25, 1886.

He was confirmed as a member of St. John's Reformed Church (now the First Reformed Church), Quakertown, Pa., April 17, 1886, by the pastor, Rev. Franklin J. Mohr.

The subject of this sketch was the fourth of eight children. In the summer of 1886, shortly before his graduation, his baby sister, Ella Nora, was called to the

"Home for little children  
Above the bright blue sky."

The young brother had been very fond of his little sister, and had taught her to say "God bless baby," when her little lips could only lisp "Dod bess baby." While she lay in her crib, suffering from a fatal disease, she folded her little hands and said, "Dod bess baby," and the

Savior came and took her in His arms and carried her in His bosom to the bright home above. This made such an impression on the brother that he wrote a poem entitled "God bless baby," which was published in the local paper, and which was the first published verse that Mr. Dickert wrote. In this poem he refers to the incident cited above, as follows :

As her little head, crowned with gold,  
On the pillow she lays,  
She attempts her little hands to fold  
And to the Lord she prays :  
"Dod bess baby."

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As the appeal goes from that bed  
To the glorious throne above,  
As she gently rests her little head,  
God looks down in love  
And blesses baby.

Since then Mr. Dickert has written a large number of poems, some of which have elicited very favorable comment.

In the summer of 1886 Mr. Dickert received a provisional certificate from the Superintendent of Bucks County, and in the fall he began to teach the public school at California, Richland township, Bucks county, Pa. This school was three miles from his home, and the young

teacher had splendid exercise by walking six miles daily through a picturesque section of country, which cultivated a love of nature which has characterized him ever since. He taught this school for four successive years—five months in the winter and four months in the summer. During the winter months he had as high as sixty-three pupils of all grades, some of whom were as old as the teacher.

During this period he organized and conducted the California union Sunday School, serving as the superintendent for four years. He was also assistant superintendent of St. John's Reformed Sunday School in Quakertown, taught a Bible class in the latter Sunday School, sang in the choir of the church, served as deacon of the congregation, and took an active part in the work of the various church organizations. He contributed a number of articles to his home paper, "The Quakertown Free Press," among which were some of the poems he composed on his way to and from school. He also contributed several articles to the "Reformed Church Messenger."

During the summer of 1890 Mr. Dickert attended Ulrich's Preparatory School at Beth-



lehem, Pa., to prepare for entrance into College. He became a member of the Freshman class at Franklin and Marshall College, September 4, 1890, and at the end of the first term stood at the head of his class. During the whole of his College course he took an active part in the Goethean Literary Society, of which he was a member, and filled nearly all the offices in the gift of the society. He was also a member of the College Young Men's Christian Association, by whom he was sent as a delegate to the Moody Conference at Northfield, Mass., in 1892. He was a frequent contributor to "The College Student," the monthly publication of the College, on whose staff he served respectively as Assistant Business Manager, Business Manager, and Editor-in-chief. He was also Editor-in-chief of "The Oriflamme," the College annual published by the Junior class. He graduated with first honor, which he shared with J. Frank Meyer, and delivered the Marshall Oration in German on the subject, "Was Sich der Wald Erzaehlt" (A Plea for the Forest), June 21, 1894.

On September 13, 1894, he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in

the United States at Lancaster, Pa., to prepare for the Christian ministry. From his very childhood he cherished the purpose of becoming a minister of the Gospel, and, although many difficulties presented themselves, he clung to his purpose, often saying to himself, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel!"

During his seminary course he taught History and German at Franklin and Marshall Academy, and spent part of the summer vacation in 1895 and 1896 in canvassing for students for the Academy. He did considerable preaching during his seminary course, preaching regularly every other Sunday evening from December 8, 1895, to January 3, 1897, at the Presbyterian Chapel at Pomeroy, Pa. On January 17, 1897, he began to supply Solomon's Reformed Church, Macungie, Pa., and preached regularly every Sunday, except four, until his graduation from the seminary.

His mother was called to her eternal home on July 2, 1896, at the age of 52 years, after suffering for more than three years from cancer.

During the year 1896 he prepared and published two volumes for use in schools, entitled, "Two Hundred Questions on Ancient History"

and "Two Hundred Questions on United States History."

He graduated with honors from the Theological Seminary, May 13, 1897, representing the department of Practical Theology taught by Prof. William Rupp, D. D., and delivered an essay at the commencement exercises on "The New Preacher." He was examined and licensed by Tohickon Classis, at a meeting held in South Bethlehem, Pa., June 2, 1897, and dismissed to Lehigh Classis, where his call from Solomon's Reformed Church, Macungie, Pa., was confirmed, and a committee appointed for his ordination and installation.

He was united in holy matrimony with Miss Rebecca Bettiger, at the home of the bride in Trumbauersville, Pa., June 8, 1897, by Rev. F. J. Mohr, assisted by Rev. B. F. Luckenbill.

He was ordained and installed as pastor of Solomon's Reformed Church on Saturday evening, June 12, 1897, by Revs. T. J. Hacker, M. H. Diefenderfer and W. R. Hufford, D. D. The congregation at Macungie had just been separated from the Salisbury charge and constituted a separate charge. It had a membership of about 205, and a debt of \$1,350, and received

an appropriation from Lehigh Classis to help pay the pastor's salary. During Mr. Dickert's pastorate the debt was wiped out, the church was beautifully frescoed, the congregation became self-supporting, a handsome new parsonage was built, and the membership increased to 336.

The sixtieth anniversary of the congregation was celebrated with special services on Whitsunday, May 26, 1901.

Mr. Dickert resigned the pastorate of the congregation, to accept a call extended to him by the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., on October 5, 1902. He was reluctant to leave his first field of labor, where his relations had been very pleasant, but felt that the Lord had called him to a larger work, which he could not refuse to undertake.

The following are the statistics of his pastorate at Macungie from June 12, 1897, to October 31, 1902: Marriages, 38; baptisms, 146; funerals, 74; members added, 175—by confirmation, 83; by certificate, 37; by reprofession, 55; communions, 22; number communed, 4,218, an average of 192 at each communion; contribu-

tions for benevolence, \$1,151; for congregational purposes, \$7,253; total \$8,404.

Mr. Dickert was installed as pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church on Sunday morning, November 23, 1902, by a committee of Reading Classis, consisting of Revs. C. E. Schaeffer, C. E. Creitz and H. Y. Stoner.

During his pastorate of six years and four months, to the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary, a new pipe organ was installed, the church auditorium was handsomely frescoed, a new bell was secured, a debt of \$13,000 was paid, and the membership increased from 750 to 1,152.

During the twelve years of his ministry Mr. Dickert has contributed a number of articles and poems to the "Reformed Church Messenger," and two articles to the "Reformed Church Review"—"The Church and Educational Problems" (October, 1900), and "Essential Characteristics of Twentieth Century Christianity" (October, 1907). In 1904 he edited and published "The Life of the Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D.," in a volume of 256 pages.

During his pastorate at Macungie Mr. Dickert lectured on Church History at the Allentown College for Women, and has been a member of



the Board of Trustees of that institution since 1906.

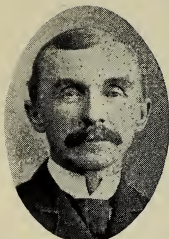
Mr. Dickert was elected President of Lehigh Classis, May 14, 1900, and of Reading Classis, May 4, 1908. He has attended almost every meeting of the Eastern Synod since he is in the ministry, and was a delegate to the General Synod at York, Pa., in 1908. He has been Treasurer of the Spiritual Conference of Ministers and Laymen of the Reformed Church since 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickert have two daughters—Mary Rebecca Dickert, born January 1, 1903, and Martha Isabel Dickert, born February 18, 1907.

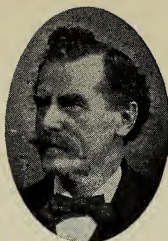
Mr. Dickert has always honored the memory of his predecessor, and has endeavored to be a worthy successor of the departed pastor of the congregation. At the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation, March 16, 1909, a memorial tablet was placed on the wall back of the pulpit to perpetuate the memory of the first pastor of the congregation, and in his anniversary sermon the present pastor paid a beautiful tribute to the life and work of his predecessor.







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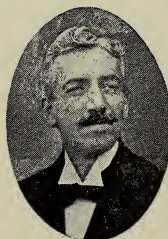


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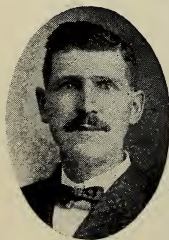
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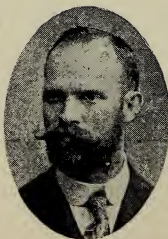
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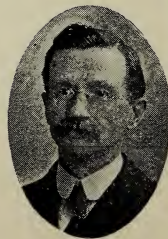
T. Z. Bright.



S. P. Faust.



C. L. Kantner.



M. L. Haag.



John D. Heck.

## CHAPTER XII

### THE CONSISTORY



T. STEPHEN'S Reformed congregation has been fortunate in the men who have served as members of its consistory. As a rule they have been men of noble Christian character, loyal to the pastors, and deeply concerned about the welfare of the congregation. The first consistory was composed of the pastor, two elders and two deacons. The elders and deacons were elected at a congregational meeting held on the day of the organization of the congregation, March 16, 1884, as follows: Elders, Daniel Bucher and Daniel S. Klein; Deacons, Milton J. Coller and G. Frank Bard.

The first meeting of the consistory was held March 24, 1884, when Daniel S. Klein was elected secretary and Milton J. Coller treasurer.

On July 13, 1884, Samuel Palm was elected as an additional deacon.

The following is a complete list of the elders and deacons who have served in that capacity



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during the first twenty-five years of our history, together with the dates of their election :

DATES.	ELDERS.	DEACONS.
Mar. 16, 1884.	Daniel Bucher .....	Milton J. Coller
“ “	Daniel S. Klein.....	G. Frank Bard
July 13, 1884.	.....	Samuel Palm
Jan. 14, 1885.	Daniel Bucher .....	Milton J. Coller
“ “	Daniel S. Klein.....	Samuel Palm
Jan. 13, 1886.	Daniel Bucher .....	Milton J. Coller
“ “	Daniel S. Klein.....	Samuel Palm
Jan. 5, 1887.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Milton J. Coller
“ “	Henry Y. Stoner.....	Samuel Palm
“ “	Daniel Bucher .....	Charles W. Wanner
Jan. 4, 1888.	Daniel Bucher.....	Charles W. Wanner
Jan. 2, 1889.	Henry Y. Stoner .....	Samuel Palm
“ “	J. Fred. Schoenberger .....	
Jan. 8, 1890.	J. Fred. Schoenberger.....	Milton J. Coller
June 9, 1890.	Daniel S. Klein.....	
Jan. 7, 1891.	Isaac R. Bechtel.....	Charles W. Wanner
“ “	Joseph R. Roth.....	Thomas J. Eckert
“ “	Daniel S. Klein.....	
Jan. 6, 1892.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Samuel Palm
“ “	Aaron R. Bucks.....	
Jan. 4, 1893.	Aaron R. Bucks.....	Milton J. Coller
Jan. 3, 1894.	Joseph R. Roth.....	Charles W. Wanner
“ “	Isaac R. Bechtel.....	Lemon H. Hertz
Mar. 5, 1894.	Hiram K. Ritter.....	
Jan. 2, 1895.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Samuel Palm
“ “	Hiram K. Ritter.....	
Jan. 8, 1896.	Hiram K. Ritter.....	Cuvier G. Grube
“ “	Milton J. Coller.....	
May 4, 1896.	.....	Dr. W. D. DeLong
Jan. 6, 1897.	Joseph R. Roth.....	Lemon H. Hertz
“ “	Milton J. Coller.....	Dr. W. D. DeLong
Jan. 5, 1898.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Samuel Palm
Jan. 4, 1899.	Hiram K. Ritter.....	Cuvier G. Grube

DATES.	ELDERS.	DEACONS.
Jan. 4, 1899.	.....	Samuel P. Faust
“ “	.....	Albert M. Weyandt
“ “	.....	Charles W. Logan
Apr. 3, 1899.	J. Frederick Gerhard.....	
Jan. 17, 1900.	J. Frederick Gerhard.....	
“ “	Joseph R. Roth.....	Dr. W. D. DeLong
“ “	Milton J. Coller.....	Lemon H. Hertz
Jan. 16, 1901.	J. Frederick Gerhard...Albert M. Weyandt	
“ “	.....	Thomas Z. Bright
Jan. 8, 1902.	Hiram K. Ritter.....	Cuvier G. Grube
“ “	.....	Samuel P. Faust
Jan. 14, 1903.	Joseph R. Roth.....	Dr. W. D. DeLong
“ “	Milton J. Coller .....	Lemon H. Hertz
Jan. 13, 1904.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Albert M. Weyandt
“ “	.....	Thomas Z. Bright
Jan. 11, 1905.	Henry S. Bernhart .....	Cuvier G. Grube
“ “	.....	Samuel P. Faust
Jan. 10, 1906.	Dr. W. D. DeLong.....	John D. Heck
“ “	Milton J. Coller.....	G. B. Trechsel
Jan. 16, 1907.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Albert M. Weyandt
“ “	.....	Thomas Z. Bright
“ “	.....	Charles L. Kantner
Jan. 8, 1908.	Henry S. Bernhart.....	Cuvier G. Grube
“ “	.....	Samuel P. Faust
June 3, 1908.	Alvin J. Shartle .....	
Jan. 13, 1909.	Dr. W. D. DeLong.....	John D. Heck
“ “	Alvin J. Shartle.....	Charles L. Kantner
“ “	.....	Milton L. Haag

The following have served as officers of the consistory during this time :

The pastor has always served as president of the consistory and of the congregational meetings *ex-officio*. Hiram K. Ritter served as president during the absence of the pastor from

July 3, 1900, to September 5, 1900, and Milton J. Coller was president after the death of Dr. C. S. Gerhard from October 30, 1902, to November 23, 1902.

The office of vice-president was created February 4, 1903, when Milton J. Coller was elected to the office. On February 3, 1904, Hiram K. Ritter was elected. Milton J. Coller was again elected February 1, 1905, and served until the time of his death, May 26, 1908. Dr. W. D. DeLong was elected to the office July 2, 1908, and has filled it since then.

The first secretary of the consistory was Daniel S. Klein, who was elected March 24, 1884. Henry Y. Stoner was elected to the office February 7, 1887, and served until July 6, 1890, when Daniel S. Klein was again elected. Joseph R. Roth was elected as secretary February 2, 1891, and held the office for fifteen years. He was succeeded by Albert M. Weyandt, who was elected February 7, 1906, and is the present incumbent.

Milton J. Coller was the first treasurer of the congregation, serving in that capacity from March 24, 1884, to July 6, 1890, when Daniel S. Klein was elected to the office. Mr. Klein served for almost nine years, to the time of his

death, March 31, 1899. J. Frederick Gerhard was elected treasurer April 3, 1899. He was succeeded by Dr. John K. Seaman, who was elected February 3, 1904, and has held the office since then.

The office of financial secretary of the consistory was created February 7, 1887, when Daniel S. Klein was elected as its first incumbent. He was succeeded by Samuel Palm, who was elected September 9, 1888, and held the office for more than ten years. Cuvier G. Grube was elected February 6, 1899, and served in that capacity for ten years, until February 3, 1909, when the present incumbent, Charles L. Kantner, was elected.

The whole consistory has been elected at each annual congregational meeting to serve as trustees for the current year.

The following elders of the congregation were elected delegates to the annual meetings of Classis during these twenty-five years :

#### TO LEBANON CLASSIS.

DATES.	PRIMARIUS.	SECUNDUS.
May 28, 1884.	Daniel Bucher.....	Daniel S. Klein

#### TO SCHUYLKILL CLASSIS.

May 4, 1885.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Daniel Bucher
June 7, 1886.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Daniel Bucher
May 2, 1887.	Henry Y. Stoner.....	Daniel Bucher

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DATES.	PRIMARIUS.	SECUNDUS.
Apr. 1, 1888.	Henry Y. Stoner.....	Daniel S. Klein
June 5, 1889.	Henry Y. Stoner.....	J. Fred. Schoenberger
Apr. 9, 1890.	Henry Y. Stoner.....	Daniel Bucher
May 4, 1891.	Isaac M. Bechtel.....	Joseph R. Roth
May 29, 1892.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Joseph R. Roth
Apr. 4, 1893.	Joseph R. Roth.....	Isaac M. Bechtel
Apr. 4, 1894.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Joseph R. Roth
May 6, 1895.	Hiram K. Ritter.....	Joseph R. Roth

### TO READING CLASSIS.

Apr. 6, 1896.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Milton J. Collier
Apr. 19, 1897.	Daniel S. Klein.....	Milton J. Collier
Apr. 17, 1898.	Joseph R. Roth.....	Hiram K. Ritter
Apr. 3, 1899.	Milton J. Collier.....	Joseph R. Roth
Apr. 4, 1900.	Milton J. Collier.....	Joseph R. Roth
Apr. 3, 1901.	J. Frederick Gerhard.....	Joseph R. Roth
Apr. 13, 1902.	J. Frederick Gerhard.....	Joseph R. Roth
Apr. 19, 1903.	J. Frederick Gerhard.....	Joseph R. Roth
Apr. 6, 1904.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Joseph R. Roth
Apr. 12, 1905.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Henry S. Bernhart
Apr. 16, 1906.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Henry S. Bernhart
Apr. 3, 1907.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Henry S. Bernhart
Apr. 20, 1908.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Henry S. Bernhart
Apr. 7, 1909.	Dr. J. K. Seaman.....	Henry S. Bernhart

St. Stephen's Reformed congregation was represented by its pastors and delegate elders at the following meetings of the Eastern Synod : 1884, Pottstown, Rev. C. S. Gerhard ; 1888, Norristown, Rev. C. S. Gerhard and H. Y. Stoner ; 1889, Allentown, H. Y. Stoner ; 1891, Harrisburg, Dr. C. S. Gerhard ; 1893, Lebanon, Dr. C. S. Gerhard ; 1894, Harrisburg, Dr. C. S.



Gerhard ; 1897, Milton, Dr. C. S. Gerhard ; 1899, Lancaster, Dr. C. S. Gerhard ; 1901, Philadelphia, Dr. C. S. Gerhard ; 1904, Perkasie, Rev. T. W. Dickert and Dr. J. K. Seaman ; 1905, Williamsport, Dr. J. K. Seaman ; 1906, Lehighton, Dr. J. K. Seaman.

The following meetings of the General Synod were officially attended by the representatives of our congregation : 1887, Akron, Ohio, Rev. C. S. Gerhard and H. Y. Stoner ; 1890, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. C. S. Gerhard ; 1899, Tiffin, Ohio, Dr. C. S. Gerhard ; 1908, York, Pa., Rev. Thomas W. Dickert and Dr. J. K. Seaman.

Dr. C. S. Gerhard was elected President of Schuylkill Classis in 1891 ; of Reading Classis in 1899 ; of the Eastern Synod in 1891 ; and of the General Synod in 1899. Rev. Thomas W. Dickert was elected President of Reading Classis in 1908.



## CHAPTER XIII

### THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION



THE following is a complete list of the members of St. Stephen's who were connected with it during the first twenty-five years of its history. The following abbreviations are used to indicate the way in which the members were received and lost: Under "How Received,"

C stands for Confirmation; D for Certificate of Dismission; R for Reprofection of Faith. Under "How Lost," C stands for Certificate of Dismission; D for Death; E for Erasure.

Those who were members at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary are marked with a star (\*) in the last column.

A dagger (†) after the name indicates those who were formerly members of the congregation and reunited under Rev. Mr. Dickert's pastorate.

Those whose names were changed through marriage and were members at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary, have the married name given in the second last column.

A blank space indicates that information is wanting.

The following are the names of those received during the pastorate of Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D. :

NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Jennie Hertz.....	Mar. 16, 1884	D	.....	*
Mrs. Amanda H. Kinsey..	"	"	.....	*
Milton J. Coller .....	"	"	May 26, 1908	D
Hettie Kline.....	"	"	Mrs. Rohrb'h	*
Frank M. Lash .....	"	"	Mar. 19, 1885	C
Daniel S. Klein.....	"	"	Mar. 31, 1890	D
Mrs. Mary A. Klein.....	"	"	.....	*
George Rocktashel .....	"	"	Mar. 8, 1893	E
Mrs. Ida C. Rocktashel...	"	"	"	E
Charles B. Mull.....	"	"		
Mrs. Ellen A. Mull .....	"	"		
Jacob Timey.....	"	"		
Mrs. Clara J. Timey.....	"	"		
J. Fred. Gerhard.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard...	"	"	Aug. 24, 1908	D
Mrs. Amanda Lerch.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. El'n M. Sollenberger	"	"		
Mrs. Ellen Bower.....	"	"		
Daniel Bucher.....	"	"	.....	D
Susan Bucher.....	"	"	Apr. 25, 1886	C
Mary Bucher .....	"	"	.....	*
Annie Bucher.....	"	"	Jan. 11, 1886	D
G. Frank Bard.....	"	"	Mar. 14, 1885	C
Mrs. Annie C. Bard .....	"	"	"	C
Mrs. Mary Bucher.....	"	"	Dec. 29, 1907	D
Edwin C. Gerhard.....	"	"		
Mary E. Gerhard.....	"	"		*
Levi M. Marks.....	"	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Mrs. Elizabeth Marks.....	"	"	"	E
Mrs. Margaret Breneiser..	"	"	Feb. 2, 1891	E
Abraham Eisenberger.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Elmina Eisenberger	"	"	July 4, 1906	D
Rosa Greenwald.....	"	"	Mrs. Frantz	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How	When Lost.	How.
Emma Greenwald.....	Mar. 16, 1884	D		
Sylvester Greenwald†....	"	"		*
Henry Y. Rhoads.....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary R. Rhoads.....	"	"		
Mrs. Catharine Seyfert...	"	"	Mar. 29, 1906	D
Edwin Fisher.....	"	"		
Jacob Zechman.....	"	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Josephine Fasig.....	"	"		
George Noll.....	"	"		
Alfred M. Ruth.....	"	"	July 25, 1898	D
Mrs. Louisa S. Ruth.....	"	"		*
Elmer S. Ruth.....	"	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Charles J. Ruth.....	"	"		*
Bernard Mengel.....	"	"		
Daniel C. Roth.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Frances S. Roth.....	"	"	June 17, 1906	D
Mrs. Anna M. Burkert....	"	"	July 20, 1905	D
Mrs. Emma Woodworth...	"	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Mrs. Susan Getrost.....	"	"		
Alexander Schlottman...	"	"		*
Mrs. Cath. Schlottman...	"	"		*
Samuel Palm.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Emma M. Palm.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard...	"	"		*
Calvin Deininger.....	Mar. 15, 1884	C	Mar. 16, 1884	D
Mrs. Susan Herbein.....	Apr. 11, 1884	D	Nov. 27, 1905	D
Edwin B. Titlow.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Mary N. Titlow.....	"	"		*
Mrs. A. M. P. Kissinger..	"	"		
James McGuigan.....	"	"	Sept. 1, 1891	D
Mrs. Mary McGuigan.....	"	"	Jan. 4, 1897	D
Lizzie McGuigan.....	"	"		
Mrs. Alice M. Glase.....	"	"		
John O. Glase.....	"	C		
Mrs. Catharine E. Noll...	"	"		
Mary Roth.....	"	"	Nov. 8, 1907	E
Lizzie C. Roye.....	"	"		
Rosa A. Smeck.....	"	"		
Mrs. Adaline Zechman...	"	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Mary B. Keller.....	"	"		
Samuel B. Keller.....	"	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Wm. Sollenberger.....	"	"		



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Lemon H. Hertz.....	Apr. 11, 1884	C	.....	*
Charles W. Wanner.....	"	"	.....	*
Oliver J. Wanner.....	"	"	.....	*
Amos M. Woodworth.....	"	"	.....	*
George A. Ruth.....	"	"	Nov. 18, 1903	D
J. Wilson Klein.....	"	"	.....	*
G. Calvin Klein.....	"	"	.....	*
Susan S. Greenwald.....	June 1, 1884	D	Mrs. Clark	*
Emma C. Reiss.....	"	"	.....	D
Mrs. Loretta Deininger..	"	"	Mrs. Hoffa	*
Edmund R. Millard.....	"	"	Jan. 22, 1890	D
Mrs. Mary E. Millard.....	"	"	.....	*
Thomas Laing.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Josephine Laing.....	"	"	.....	*
F. Roger Moyer.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Trout.....	"	"	.....	*
John B. Herbein.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Martha C. Herbein..	"	"	.....	*
Isaac F. Barto.....	"	"	.....	*
Peter S. Fisher.....	Sept. 28, 1884	"	.....	*
Mrs. Louisa E. Fisher....	"	"	.....	*
Ida B. Stauffer.....	"	"	Apr. 12, 1887	C
Wm. H. Tragle.....	"	"	Jan. 31, 1898	D
Mrs. Emma F. Tragle.....	"	"	.....	*
Albert L. Bickel.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate L. Bickel.....	"	"	.....	*
Minnie I. Bickel.....	"	"	July 11, 1903	D
Frank C. Hull.....	"	"	June 27, 1889	C
Mrs. Lizzie M. Hull.....	"	"	June 27, 1889	C
Edward Dunkelberger....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Car. B. Dunkelb'rg'r	"	"	.....	*
Lewis Sebastian Levan..	Jan. 11, 1885	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Agnes Levan.....	"	"	.....	*
Rose Albright.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Neiman.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Kinch.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma Fleckenstein	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
Edward F. Yeich.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. Grant Yeich.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Greth.....	"	"	.....	*
Isaac H. Gerhard.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate S. Gerhard.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Henrietta Jones.....	Apr. 5, 1885	C	July 1, 1885	D
Mrs. Fietta Levan.....	"	"		
M. Lizzie Miller.....	"	"		
Mary E. Bickel.....	"	"	July 15, 1901	D
Wm. A. Greth.....	"	"		*
J. Alfred Ruth.....	"	"	May 31, 1894	D
Mrs. Maggie Maurer.....	"	"	July, 1888	D
Mrs. Rebecca James.....	"	"	Apr. 25, 1886	C
John Berhle.....	"	"		
Mrs. Laura Berhle.....	"	"		
Mrs. Elizabeth Linton.....	"	"		*
John Dentzer.....	June 14, 1885	R	Apr. 1, 1888	E
Mrs. Emma V. Dentzer...	"	"		
Simirias H. Reeser.....	Oct. 4, 1885	"		*
Mrs. Mary A. Reeser.....	"	"		*
Charles L. McCormick...	"	"		
Henry W. Albright.....	"	"	Dec. 8, 1885	D
Mrs. Sarah Albright.....	"	"	Jan. 5, 1907	D
Mrs. Rebecca High.....	"	D		*
Clara Hill.....	"	"		
Emma Hill.....	"	"		
Daniel A. Knabb†.....	Jan. 10, 1886	R		*
Mrs. Kate M. Knabb†.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Henrietta Edwards.	"	"	Apr. 1, 1888	E
George H. Sheetz.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Sallie Sheetz.....	"	"	Jan. 25, 1904	D
Mrs. Jennie E. Noll.....	"	"	Nov. 3, 1908	D
Emma A. McGuigan.....	Apr. 23, 1886	C		
Susie Bechtel.....	"	"	Mar. 29, 1905	D
Susie Rhoads.....	"	"		
Sallie Bickel.....	"	"	Jan. 9, 1889	D
Emma Long.....	"	"	Mrs. Moodh'd	*
Daisy M. Reifsnyder.....	"	"	Feb. 2, 1891	E
Sallie Dunkelberger.....	"	"		
Amanda Gresh.....	"	"		
Clara Flowers.....	"	"		
Ella S. Fick.....	"	"		
Annie S. Kalbach.....	"	"	Mrs. Yoder	*
Mrs. Mary A. Collier.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Kate Swoyer.....	"	"		*
Wm. H. Mullin.....	"	"		
W. Glase Gerhard.....	"	"	July 22, 1901	D

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
George H. Long .....	Apr. 23, 1886	C	Dec. 23, 1901	D
Elijah W. Fisher .....	"	"	June 7, 1889	C
Thomas Clark .....	"	"	.....	*
Rebecca Madeira .....	"	D	.....	*
Kate Madeira .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Cordelia Mengel .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Hettie Kline .....	"	"	.....	*
Calvin F. Barto .....	"	"	.....	*
Alfred F. Barto .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ellen S. Barto .....	"	"	.....	*
Hermine Barto .....	"	"	Mrs. Rhoads	*
Howard Hemmig .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Bella Nissly .....	"	"	.....	*
Carrie Hieter .....	"	"	Dec. 3, 1895	D
Alice Hieter .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Harriet A. Bechtel .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma Fisher .....	"	"	.....	*
Helen J. Glase .....	"	"	.....	*
Emma Rischel .....	"	"	.....	*
Lina M. Fisher .....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. H. Brendle .....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. H. Celler .....	"	"	.....	*
Samuel Flowers .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Tryphena Flowers .....	"	"	.....	*
Reuben H. Nuss .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Matilda Nuss .....	"	"	.....	*
George H. Titlow .....	"	"	.....	*
Henry Y. Stoner .....	"	"	June 9, 1890	C
Mrs. Mary C. Stoner .....	"	"	June 9, 1890	C
Mrs. Hannah Y. Lincoln .....	"	"	.....	*
Roswell S. Lincoln .....	"	"	.....	*
Charles A. Muntz .....	"	"	.....	*
George A. Fick .....	"	"	Aug. 29, 1907	D
George Reiss .....	"	"	.....	*
Isaac M. Bechtel .....	"	"	.....	*
Frank Ludwig .....	June 13, 1886	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate Ludwig .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Maria Fox .....	"	"	Apr. 29, 1896	D
Sallie Heck .....	"	"	Mrs. Miller	*
Alfred I. Derr .....	Aug. 1, 1886	R	.....	*
Jacob T. Kline .....	Oct. 3, 1886	"	.....	*
Mrs. Elizabeth Kline .....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Lewis H. Mull.....	Oct. 3, 1886	R	Feb. 13, 1888	D
Mrs. Ida C. Mull.....	"	"		
Mrs. Kate K. Ritter.....	Jan. 9, 1887	"	.....	*
Mrs. Jennie McCormick..	"	D		
Rolandus R. Snyder.....	"	"		
Eli K. Young.....	"	"		
John K. Hiester.....	Apr. 10, 1887	"	.....	*
Mrs. Deborah M. Hiester	"	"	.....	*
Lizzie Hiester.....	"	"	Jan. 11, 1890	D
Augustus F. Hiester.....	"	"		
John L. Rhoads.....	"	"	Dec. 6, 1905	E
George F. Ehret.....	"	"	Mar. 8, 1893...	E
Mrs. Emma Derr.....	"	"	.....	*
Hiram K. Ritter.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie E. Koch.....	"	R	Oct. 29, 1905	D
Mrs. Mary F. Bewley.....	"	D		
Mrs. Mary Ann Booth....	"	R		
Joshua Howe.....	"	R		
John M. Miller.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Eliza Miller.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie R. Neiman....	"	R	.....	*
Joel C. Lance.....	"	D	Feb. 24, 1888	D
Mrs. Annie Lance.....	"	D	Dec. 21, 1890	D
Albert Grieshaber.....	Apr. 8, 1887	C		
Charles H. Mengel.....	"	"	Feb. 3, 1897	D
Thomas B. Jones.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma Rhoads.....	"	"	Feb. 2, 1891	E
Mrs. Caroline Weinhold..	"	"		
Andrew S. Rhoads.....	"	"	Feb. 2, 1891	E
Wm. J. James.....	"	"	"	E
Mrs. Caroline James.....	"	"	"	E
Bridget Beaver.....	"	"		
Mrs. Nellie M. Madara...	"	"	.....	C
John A. Bewley.....	"	"		
J. H. Washington Lerch	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Delilah Ehret.....	"	"	Mar. 8, 1893	E
Mrs. Selinda Fick.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate M. Brendle....	"	"		
Mamie McGuigan.....	"	"		
Sallie R. Kline.....	"	"	.....	*
Lizzie M. Wanner.....	"	"	.....	*
Katie N. Wanner.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Jennie H. Glase .....	Apr. 8, 1887	C		
Clara E. Albright.....	"	"		*
Emma C. Lerch .....	"	"	Mrs. Walker	*
Carrie S. Shollenberger...	"	"		
Adam A. Ludwig.....	"	"	Apr. 5, 1905	E
Wm. S. Lerch.....	"	"		*
Susan Kline .....	"	"	Feb. 17, 1890	D
L. Alberta Boone.....	"	"		
Lizzie M. Oese.....	"	"		
Helen Lindecuckle .....	"	"	Dec. 29, 1900	D
Henry Schull .....	May 29, 1887	R		
John P. Kline .....	"	"	Mar. 7, 1898	E
Mrs. Emma R. Kline.....	"	"	"	E
Joseph R. Roth.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Mary A. Roth.....	"	"	June 4, 1897	D
John H. Bower.....	"	D	Jan. 12, 1889	C
Mrs. Annie E. Bower.....	"	"	"	C
Mrs. Maria Dixon .....	"	"		
Mrs. Amanda Biehl.....	"	"		*
Kate Weiland .....	"	"		*
H. W. Schellhammer.....	"	"	June 4, 1895	D
Mrs. I. J. Schellhammer..	"	"		*
Wm. T. Schellhammer...	"	"		
J. Fred. Schoenberger...	"	"		*
Mrs. Marg. Schoenberger	"	"	Mar. 26, 1907	D
Annie M. Schoenberger ..	"	"	Mrs. Schned'r	*
Katie C. Schoenberger...	"	"		*
Lillie L. Schoenberger...	"	"		
Mrs. Harriet H. Seyler...	"	R		
Mrs. Amanda Ludwig .....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary J. Lance.....	Oct. 9, 1887	"	Feb. 11, 1909	C
Andrew H. Smith .....	"	D		C
John Young.....	Jan. 8, 1888	"		
Mrs. Mary A. Young .....	"	"		
Charles L. Steely.....	"	"		E
Henry R. Dunkelberger..	"	"		
Mrs. M. A. Dunkelberger	"	"		
George W. Ream.....	Mar. 30, 1888	C		*
Laura A. Sheetz .....	"	"		*
Lizzie A. Kinch .....	"	"		*
Gertrude L. Bickel .....	"	"		*
Martha H. Smith.....	"	"		



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	How Lost.	How.
May C. Gerhard.....	Mar. 30, 1888	C		
Vallie E. Bechtel.....	"	"		
Bessie Roth .....	"	"	Mrs. Troop	*
Laura B. Hull .....	"	"	June 27, 1889	C
Sarah H. Evans .....	"	"	Mar. 11, 1906	D
Emma M. Kaucher.....	"	"	Mrs. Scarlett	*
Yulan E. Moyer .....	"	"		
M. Alberta Kershner† .....	"	"	Mrs. Roth	*
Mrs. Mary Stichter.....	"	"		
Edward W. Klein.....	"	"		*
Zachariah Klein.....	"	"		*
Henry Miller .....	"	"		
Irvin Heck .....	"	"		
C. Franklin Rhoads.....	"	"		
Wm. F. Kinch.....	"	"		
John M. Gerhard.....	"	"	Sept. 10, 1901	D
John R. Bechtel.....	"	"		*
Adam Schlottman.....	"	"	Dec. 2, 1907	D
Wm. H. Goodhart.....	"	"		
Nelson M. Bertolette .....	"	"	Jan. 22, 1895	D
Charles E. Schellhammer .....	"	"		*
Claudius Kaucher .....	"	"		
Hiram Wineland .....	"	"		
W. Howard Spencer.....	"	"		
Simon H. Seyfert.....	"	"		*
Stephen Zehner .....	"	R	Mar. 7, 1892	E
Mrs. Lena Zehner .....	"	"	"	E
Ida M. Zehner.....	"	"		
Mrs. Amanda Hunsicker..	"	"		
Daniel J. Body .....	"	D	Mar. 7, 1892	E
Mrs. Mary Body .....	"	"	"	E
Mary Reber .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Annie J. Wineland..	"	R		
Wm. A. Seidel.....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary Seidel.....	"	"	Oct. 29, 1898	D
Albert F. Moyer.....	"	D		
Emanuel Moyer .....	"	"	Oct. 5, 1890	D
Mrs. Mary Moyer.....	"	"	Nov. 4, 1891	D
Mrs. Annie E. Moodhart .....	"	"	Mrs. Bruder	*
Reuben S. Ludwig.....	"	R		*
Mrs. Lizzie Botz.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Marg. Lindecuckle..	"	"		*

# 248 ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH

NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Benjamin F. Schaubel....	Mar. 30, 1888	D		
Mrs. Martha Schaubel....	" "	"		
Alfred W. Gift.....	Oct. 7, 1888	"	.....	*
Mrs. Lizzie L. Gift.....	"	"	.....	*
Henry W. Gift.....	"	"		
Amandus Hunsucker .....	"	R		
Mrs. Emma E. Remack...	"	"	.....	*
Albert Miller .....	Jan. 13, 1889	D	.....	*
Mrs. Amanda Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Koch.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Catharine Dietrich..	"	R		
David Noll.....	"	D		
Mary A. Stoner.....	"	"	.....	*
Jonathan Leiby.....	"	"		C
Mrs. Mary E. Probert....	"	R	Mar. 7, 1892	E
Edward Fleckenstein.....	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
Harry D. Rudolph.....	"	"		
Mrs. Louisa M. Rudolph..	"	"		
Mrs. Annie E. Rudolph...	"	D		
Mrs. Amelia E. Bechtel..	"	"		
Mrs. Maggie Aulenbach..	Apr. 19, 1889	C	Apr. 4, 1893	E
Lizzie R. Bickel.....	"	"	Apr. 20, 1900	D
Gussie M. Boltz.....	"	"	.....	*
Daniel A. Fisher.....	"	"		
Howard B. Fisher.....	"	"		
Charles H. Gerhard.....	"	"	.....	*
Warren P. Gift.....	"	"	Nov. 7, 1900	D
Wm. F. Hetrick.....	"	"		
Mamie Jones.....	"	"	Mrs. Kreider	*
Amanda R. Kline.....	"	"	Mrs. Kinch	*
Katie R. Kline.....	"	"	Apr. 10, 1905	C
Nellie L. Levan.....	"	"	Apr. 4, 1893	E
Howard L. Madeira.....	"	"		
Annie E. Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. Klein	*
Ella Miller.....	"	"	May 23, 1904	C
Wm. F. Miller.....	"	"	Mar. 7, 1898	E
Charles W. Mullin.....	"	"	Apr. 4, 1893	E
Kate M. Oese.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie Reiss.....	"	"	Nov. 8, 1907	E
Dora R. Rightnour.....	"	"	Mrs. Reitz	*
Mrs. Alice B. Ruth.....	"	"	.....	*
Bertha Schoenberger.....	"	"	Mrs. Lance	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How	When Lost.	How.
Millie S. Schollenberger..	Apr. 19, 1889	C		
Mary M. Seidel.....	"	"		
Katie S. Shultz.....	"	"		
Lulu A. Steely.....	"	"		
Emanuel Staudt.....	"	"	July 18, 1895	D
Dellie M. Wien.....	"	"	July 30, 1892	D
Edward Althouse.....	"	D	Mar. 7, 1892	E
Frank E. Aulenbach.....	"	R	Apr. 4, 1893	E
Mrs. Kate E. Bell.....	"	"	"	E
Mrs. Lizzie S. Bush.....	"	D		E
Mrs. Sarah A. Dundore..	"	R		*
Edwin F. Feather.....	"	D		*
Mrs. Valeria Feather.....	"	"		*
Irwin A. Gerhard.....	"	"	Feb. 2, 1891	E
Mrs. Angelina Gerhard..	"	R	"	E
Mrs. Mary S. Hinkle.....	"	"		
Simon Himmelberger.....	"	"		
Charles Kantner.....	"	D		*
Samuel C. Koch.....	"	R		*
Ezra S. Leiby.....	"	D		
Mrs. Angeline Levan.....	"	R		*
Mrs. Sarah Matz.....	"	"	Jan. 27, 1904	D
Frank Merkle.....	"	"		
Mrs. Sallie A. Reinhart..	"	"		
Clayton E. Schaeffer.....	"	D		
Mrs. Clara A. M. Scha'ff'r	"	"	Mar. 4, 1895	E
Milton S. Snyder.....	"	"		
Mrs. Deborah Snyder.....	"	"		
Howard W. Gift.....	Oct. 13, 1889	"		*
Mrs. Kate F. Gift.....	"	"		*
Alice Lindecuckle.....	"	"	Mrs Wink'lm'n	*
Sallie L. Kline.....	"	"		
Mrs. Rosa H. Mersinger..	"	"		*
Mrs. Hettie Ulrich.....	"	"		
Mrs. Hattie J. Embree...	"	"		C
Frederick J. Winkelman..	"	"		*
Thomas J. Eckert.....	Jan. 12, 1890	"		*
Mrs. Kate G. Eckert.....	"	"		*
Adam A. Staudt.....	"	"	Feb. 2, 1891	E
Isaac Potts.....	Apr. 4, 1890	C		
Harvey P. Mest.....	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
Tobias W. Nissly.....	"	"		*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Warren B. Nissly.....	Apr. 4, 1890	C		*
Wm. F. Yoder.....	"	"		
Morris M. Kalbach.....	"	"		
Irvin R. Kalbach.....	"	"		
Wm. D. Moodhard.....	"	"		*
Daniel Moodhart.....	"	"		
Gideon Moodhart.....	"	"		*
Adam Heller.....	"	"		
George A. Newkirk.....	"	"		*
Albert S. Schoenberger..	"	"		*
Frank A. Ludwig.....	"	"		
Harry C. Wannert.....	"	"		*
John C. Roth.....	"	"		*
George H. Frill†.....	"	"		*
Charles H. Hertz.....	"	"		
Amos K. Noll.....	"	"		
Walter F. Harper.....	"	"		
John R. Morrison.....	"	"		C
Harry S. Levan.....	"	"		*
Andrew Crichton.....	"	"		
James Heck.....	"	"		
Wm. Grieshaber.....	"	"		*
Wm. D. Lerch.....	"	"		*
Lillie M. McWilliams.....	"	"	Mrs. Sindel	*
Ella M. Stoner.....	"	"		C
Katie Barto.....	"	"		
Annie S. Ritter.....	"	"		
Annie L. Kline.....	"	"	Mrs. Buckw'lt'r	*
Lillie M. Bickert.....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Katie A. Bickert.....	"	"		
Sadie A. Gift.....	"	"	Mrs. Rissmil'r	*
Minerva Gift.....	"	"	Mrs. Haag	*
Hilda Ludwig.....	"	"	Mrs. Young	*
Tema Umbenhower.....	"	"	Mrs. Fry	*
Emma L. Westley.....	"	"		*
Lizzie E. Frill.....	"	"		
Alice L. Long.....	"	"	Nov. 14, 1897	D
Mary Z. Althouse.....	"	"	Mrs Hardtner	*
Cora M. Yoh.....	"	"		
Catharine Cunnius.....	"	"	Mrs. Penrose	*
Mary M. Seibert.....	"	"		
Mary M. Adams.....	"	"	Nov. 20, 1905	C



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Emma Moodhart....	Apr. 4, 1890	C	Oct. 21, 1902	D
Mrs. M. Catharine Lerch	"	"	Feb. 19, 1906	D
Mrs. Ida S. Bross.....	"	"		
Mrs. Hattie M. Snyder...	"	"		
Mrs. Amanda L. Levan...	"	"		*
Richard G. Lincoln.....	"	D		*
Jacob C. Jackson.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Sarah A. Jackson...	"	"		*
Mrs. Grace Thompson†...	"	"		*
Henry S. Stormfeltz.....	"	"	Feb. 2, 1891	E
Mrs. Susan H. Stormfeltz	"	"	"	E
Mrs. Mary S. Roth .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Kate A. Noll.....	"	"		
Mrs. Susan M. Moodhart.	"	"		
Franklin P. Kershner.....	"	"	Oct. 1, 1908	D
Mrs. Lucinda Mest .....	"	"		
Mrs. Annie L. Schucker..	"	"		
Jacob Weigley.....	"	"		
Mrs. Hettie A. Weigley...	"	"		
John W. Gable .....	"	"		
Mrs. Catharine E. Gable.	"	"	May 19, 1901	D
Milton F. Groff .....	"	"	Mar. 7, 1892	E
Mrs. Mary A. Moyer.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Rebecca K. Becker.	"	"		
Mrs. Kate B. Habersauk.	"	"		
Laura B. Hull.....	"	"		
Mrs. Sarah Kalbach .....	"	"		*
James H. Binkley.....	"	"	Mar. 7, 1898	E
Wm. H. Smith .....	"	"		*
Harry Rauch .....	"	"	Apr. 4, 1893	E
Manton W. Potteiger.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Kate S. Potteiger...	"	"		*
George Brettman.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Emma Brettman .....	"	"		*
J. H. Leonhard.....	"	"		*
Annie M. Ruth .....	May 25, 1890	"		
Stella M. Ruth .....	"	"		*
James F. Kershner.....	Oct. 12, 1890	"		
Mrs. Rosa Kershner.....	"	"		
Mrs. Lizzie S. Hicks.....	"	"		
Albert J. Miller.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Clara H. Miller.....	"	"		*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Cyrus H. Neiman.....	Oct. 12, 1890	D	.....	*
Charles E. G. Engel.....	Jan. 11, 1891	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary J. Engel.....	"	"	.....	*
Samuel Lee.....	"	C	Nov. 8, 1898	D
Bertha Mittower.....	Mar. 27, 1891	"	1898	D
Bessie L. Burkert.....	"	"	Mrs. Leader	*
Lottie M. Dixon.....	"	"		
John C. Dixon.....	"	"		*
Bessie D. Schellhammer.	"	"	.....	*
Carrie M. Dunkelberger..	"	"	Mrs. Dry	*
Mrs. Susan Thompson....	"	"		
Zipporah G. DeTurk.....	"	"		
Maggie F. Rodman.....	"	"		
Lillie R. Rodman.....	"	"		
Annie M. Kershner.....	"	"	Mrs. Kepner	*
Sallie E. Gift.....	"	"		
Jennie Smith.....	"	"	July 18, 1898	C
Sallie S. Brumbach.....	"	"	Mrs. Slider	*
Addie A. Heller.....	"	"		
Mrs. Frances Schaeffer..	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Annie L. Oese.....	"	"	.....	*
Minnie L. Timey.....	"	"		
Gertie Reeser.....	"	"		
Wm. H. Embree.....	"	"	.....	C
Edgar W. Hetrick.....	"	"		
Harry E. Lerch.....	"	"		
Wm. K. Bridegam.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. M. Menkhous.....	"	"	.....	*
Thomas Heck.....	"	"		
Herman M. Seibert.....	"	"	.....	*
John R. Dickinson.....	"	"	Apr. 10, 1906	C
George E. Miller.....	"	"		
J. Elmer Leader.....	"	"		
Charles B. Glase.....	"	"		
Johb T. Geiser.....	"	"		
Frank Kaucher.....	"	"		
Howard Wise.....	"	"	.....	*
Emanuel Schaeffer.....	"	"	Jan. 13, 1900	D
Katie H. Wise.....	"	D		
Cora S. Brensinger.....	"	"		
Mrs. Isab'a A. Bridegam	"	"	.....	*
John M. Heck.....	"	"		

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
B. Frank Hain.....	Mar. 27, 1891	D		
Mrs. Amelia K. Hain.....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary K. Good.....	"	"		*
Adam H. Gottschall.....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary A. Gottschall	"	"		
Mrs. Hannah Fry.....	"	"		
Sallie M. Umbenhower...	"	"		
Benjamin L. Romig.....	"	R		
Mrs. Emma R. Romig.....	"	"		
Mrs. Susanna Lowe.....	"	"	Dec. 22, 1908	D
Obadiah Sicher.....	"	"		
Mrs. Amanda Sicher.....	"	"		
Jacob Bickel†.....	"	"	Nov. 1, 1905	E
Mrs. Rosa Bickel†.....	"	"	"	E
Levi Hunsicker.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Lucy A. Hunsicker..	"	"		*
Joel L. Gearhart.....	"	"		
Mrs. Annie M. Gearhart..	"	"		
Mrs. Emma R. Felty.....	"	"		
Solomon H. Boltz.....	"	"		
George F. Shadel.....	"	"		
Mrs. Tema P. Shadel.....	"	"	Dec. 21, 1893	D
John A. Smith.....	"	"		
John R. Herbine.....	"	"		
Mrs. Hattie C. Herbine..	"	"		
Jacob Levant.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Clara M. Lance.....	"	"	Nov. 1, 1905	E
John Fornorman.....	"	"		*
Aaron R. Bucks.....	May 17, 1891	D	Feb. 20, 1894	D
Mrs. S. Louisa Bucks.....	"	"	June 7, 1905	E
Mary M. Bucks.....	"	"	Oct. 20, 1903	D
F. Calvin Bucks.....	"	"		
Daniel H. Folmer.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Catharine Folmer...	"	"		*
Reuben G. Herbine.....	"	R		
Mrs. Elizabeth Neiman...	Nov. 21, 1891	C		
John M. Wagner.....	Jan. 10, 1892	D		*
Edward F. Gehman.....	"	"		
Sarah Clark.....	Apr. 17, 1892	C		*
Hallie J. Englehart.....	"	"		
Mrs. Mag. M. Fornorman	"	"		*
Gertie Gift.....	"	"	Mrs. Haag	*

## 254 ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH

NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Gertrude A. Kalbach.....	Apr. 17, 1892	C	.....	*
Tamie L. Klee.....	"	"	.....	*
Katie M. Kline .....	"	"	Mar. 7, 1898	E
Laura M. Lerch .....	"	"	.....	*
Clara Lewis.....	"	"	.....	*
Alice Lewis.....	"	"	Mrs. Fritz	*
Mary Lewis.....	"	"	.....	*
Katie L. Ludwig.....	"	"	.....	*
Annie C. Potteiger .....	"	"	Mrs. Clauser	*
Dora A. Reber.....	"	"	.....	*
Mamie E. Reber.....	"	"	.....	*
Lizzie P. Ritter.....	"	"	Mrs. Helwig	*
Clemmie V. Rothrock.....	"	"	.....	*
Deborah A. Shell.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Minnie G. Sindel....	"	"	July 14, 1898	D
Mrs. Laura E. Wagner...	"	"	.....	*
Jennie M. Wanner.....	"	"	Mrs. Biehl	*
Mrs. Debbie A. Williams	"	"	.....	*
Alice S. Yoh.....	"	"	.....	*
Edmund W. Albright.....	"	"	.....	*
Walter F. Black.....	"	"	Oct. 7, 1903	C
Miles S. Brendle.....	"	"	.....	*
Frank A. Bruder .....	"	"	.....	*
George M. S. Crichton ...	"	"	.....	*
Samuel P. Faust.....	"	"	.....	*
Raymond Kalbach.....	"	"	.....	*
Daniel W. Kenney.....	"	"	Apr. 10, 1903	C
Frank C. Newkirk.....	"	"	.....	*
Frank J. Rothrock.....	"	"	.....	*
George A. Sheetz.....	"	"	.....	*
John A. Sindel.....	"	"	.....	*
Harry H. Smith .....	"	"	.....	*
William S. Steely.....	"	"	.....	*
Jacob Ulrich .....	"	"	Apr. 25, 1892	D
Warren W. Walker.....	"	"	Dec. 13, 1908	D
Mrs. Mary A. Evans.....	"	R	Dec. 31, 1893	D
Adam Z. Haas.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Emma L. Haas.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Susan Kerper .....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Emma M. Keim.....	"	"	Apr. 4, 1893	E
Mrs. Ida Kenney.....	"	D	Apr. 10, 1903	C
Edwin H. Rothrock.....	"	R	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Lizzie B. Rothrock.	Apr. 17, 1892	R		
Mrs. Ellen M. Sheetz.....	"	"	.....	*
Catharine Zweitzig.....	"	D	.....	*
Benjamin Zweitzig.....	"	"	.....	*
Samuel Sheetz.....	"	R		
Mrs. Catharine C. Smith	"	D		
Mrs. Marg. A. Fornorman	"	R		
John H. Fassnacht.....	June 5, 1892	D	.....	*
Mrs. Mary A. Fassnacht.	"	"	.....	*
Susan A. Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. Drexel	*
Samuel B. Kantner.....	Oct. 9, 1892	"		
Mrs. Jennie L. Steely.....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary C. Landis.....	"	"	.....	*
Gideon B. Kostenbader..	Jan. 8, 1893	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary E. Kost'nbad'r	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Laura A. Trout.....	"	"	.....	*
Thomas J. Shadel.....	"	"		
Allison F. Haas.....	"	R		
Mrs. Laura A. Embich...	"	"		
John Wm. Mongale.....	"	D		
Edwin K. Mersinger.....	"	"	.....	*
Joseph S. Esterly.....	Feb. 28, 1893	C	Mar. 8, 1893	D
Ella M. Bickel.....	Mar. 31, 1893	"	.....	*
Amelia M. Grieshaber....	"	"	.....	*
Kate S. Hain.....	"	"	Mar. 28, 1907	C
Mrs. Amanda Howden....	"	"	.....	*
Hannah Hunter.....	"	"		
Debbie L. Kantner.....	"	"		
Ella S. Ludwig.....	"	"	Mrs. Heck	*
Amelia G. McGuigan.....	"	"		
Mrs. Ida L. Shenk.....	"	"		
Sallie M. Moyer.....	"	"		
Mamie H. Reeser.....	"	"	Mrs. Albright	*
Ida M. Titlow.....	"	"	.....	*
Harry R. Gottshall.....	"	"		
William H. Hinkle.....	"	"	.....	*
Edward Howden.....	"	"	.....	*
William Jones.....	"	"	.....	*
George W. Kaucher.....	"	"		
S. Nathaniel Kline.....	"	"	Sept. 21, 1896	D
Edward H. Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Howard K. Miller.....	"	"		



## 256 ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH

NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
J. Walter Miller.....	Mar. 31, 1893	C		
Charles H. Moyer .....	"	"		
Howard J. Printz.....	"	"		
Wm. H. Seibert .....	"	"		*
Charles A. Sheetz.....	"	"		
George F. Shultz .....	"	"		
G. Washington Trout.....	"	"		*
Arthur W. Yoder.....	"	"		
Percival T. Brumbach.....	"	R		
Mrs. Mary J. Brumbach..	"	"		
Richard Fister.....	"	"		
Mrs. Annie E. Fister .....	"	D		
Maggie E. Hoffman .....	"	"		
Mrs. Margaret Lance.....	"	"	Apr. 12, 1905	C
Mrs. Fianna Long .....	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
Daniel W. Moyer.....	"	"		
Mrs. Susanna Moyer.....	"	"		
Howard M. Moyer.....	"	"		
Mrs. Emma E. Moyer.....	"	"		
Frederick J. Portz.....	"	"		*
Daniel L. Rhoads.....	"	"		
Mrs. Hannah B. Rhoads..	"	"		
Henry S. Rohrbach.....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary J. Rohrbach..	"	"		
Mrs. Susan M. Staudt.....	"	"		*
G. B. Trechsel.....	"	"	Apr. 9, 1908	D
Mrs. Mary Trechsel .....	"	"		
Lizzie A. Windbigler .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Ellen Buchter.....	"	R		
Isaac Sheetz.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Kate Reist.....	"	"		
Addie Shelley.....	May 21, 1893	D	Dec. 20, 1901	D
Abbie Newkirk.....	"	"		*
Oscar DeLong.....	Oct. 8, 1893	"		*
Mrs. Lizzie C. DeLong....	"	"		*
John F. Shrom.....	"	"		
Mrs. Anna M. Shrom.....	"	"		
Cuvier G. Grube.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Minerva E. Grube....	"	"		*
Rev. George E. Addams.	Jan. 14, 1894	"	June 19, 1897	D
Mrs. Rebecca S. Addams	"	"		*
Adam Black.....	"	"		



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Sue Portz .....	Jan. 14, 1894	D	.....	*
Mrs. Rosa A. Leinbach...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma Shadel.....	"	"		
Wm. Mackert.....	"	"		
Mrs. E. Jane Mackert....	"	"		
Jacob Mackert .....	"	"		
Emma L. Engle.....	Mar. 23, 1894	O		
Martha B. Timey.....	"	"		
Katie A. Windbigler .....	"	"	Mrs. Kline	*
Susan B. Schlottman.....	"	"	Mrs. Wilhelm	*
Anna M. Kinch.....	"	"	Mrs. Fotherg'l	*
Geneva Collier .....	"	"	Mrs. Fry	*
Erma H. Nissly.....	"	"	.....	*
Sadie B. Ruth.....	"	"	Mrs. Reber	*
Helen L. Weidner .....	"	"		
Ella R. Kline.....	"	"	Mrs. Yoh	*
Ella N. Yeh .....	"	"		
Clara A. Dunkelberger ...	"	"	.....	*
Alice Shell .....	"	"		
Edwin H. Engle.....	"	"		*
Wm. M. Engel.....	"	"		
George W. Smith.....	"	"		
Walter L. Heckman.....	"	"		*
Wm. H. Fry.....	"	"		*
Norman J. Linton.....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Samuel D. Koch.....	"	"	.....	*
Thomas A. Fick .....	"	"	.....	D
Irvin S. Schaeffer .....	"	"		
Norman Bodey .....	"	"	.....	*
Andrew P. Davis.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles W. Krick.....	"	"		
James W. VanReed.....	"	"	.....	*
Richard A. Engle.....	"	R		
Mrs. Esther Engle.....	"	"		
James Black.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Mary J. Black .....	"	"		*
Daniel H. Hunter .....	"	"		*
William W. Troop.....	"	D		*
Mrs. Sarah DeLong .....	"	"		*
Katie DeLong .....	"	"		
Charles L. Moll.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Kate F. Moll.....	"	"		*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Annie Windbigler .....	Mar. 23, 1894	D	.....	*
Mrs. Clara Bodey.....	"	R	.....	D
Daniel Riegel.....	May 13, 1894	D	Mar. 4, 1895	E
Oscar Sechler .....	"	"	.....	*
Albert M. Weyandt.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sadie B. Weyandt...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary E. Anthony...	"	"	Oct. 14, 1894	C
Walter H. Ehly.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Maggie E. Ehly.....	"	"	.....	*
Clara M. Schoenberger...	"	D	.....	*
George H. Boyer.....	Oct. 14, 1894	"	.....	*
Mrs. Virgie M. Boyer.....	"	"	.....	*
Dr. Wilson D. DeLong...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Louisa C. DeLong...	"	"	.....	*
James R. Shearer .....	"	"	Mar. 30, 1907	C
Katie E. Steely.....	"	"	.....	*
James M. Krick.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Hannah E. Krick...	"	D	.....	*
Mary M. Heck.....	"	"	Mrs. Miller	*
Dr. John K. Seaman .....	Nov. 18, 1894	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sue H. Seaman .....	"	"	.....	*
Harry G. Davis.....	Jan. 13, 1895	R	.....	*
Edwin L. Fegley .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary E. Fegley.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Mary E. Boltz.....	"	R	.....	*
Maggie M. Palm.....	Apr. 12, 1895	C	Mrs. Weik	*
Laura I. Portz.....	"	"	.....	*
Hattie I. Millard .....	"	"	.....	*
Ellenora Steely.....	"	"	.....	*
Frances M. Linton .....	"	"	.....	*
Lizzie H. Linton.....	"	"	Mrs. Keith	*
Emily M. Wanner.....	"	"	Dec. 28, 1906	C
Lizzie C. Kline .....	"	"	Mrs. Neiman	*
Isidore J. Weigley.....	"	"	Mrs. Merkel	*
Gertrude N. Coller.....	"	"	Mrs Gittlem'n	*
Amelia Brettman.....	"	"	Mrs Schaeffer	*
Laura I. Heller.....	"	"	.....	*
Hannah R. Guldin.....	"	"	Mrs. Bertollette	*
Sallie A. Hinkle.....	"	"	.....	*
E. Ellenora Weiser .....	"	"	.....	*
Geneva E. Wagner.....	"	"	.....	*
Francis B. Weigley.....	"	"	Mar. 28, 1907	C

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Walter H. Sicher.....	Apr. 12, 1895	C		
George DeLong.....	"	"	.....	*
Herman W. Zimmerman.	"	"	.....	*
Robert Hafer.....	"	"	.....	*
Frederick Koch.....	"	"	.....	*
Samuel A. Guldin.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. Henry Tolbert.....	"	"		
Howard P. Schaeffer.....	"	"		
Daniel S. Schaeffer.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Mary F. Schaeffer...	"	"	.....	*
Martin R. Hoch.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma S. Hoch.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Rosa E. Feather.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ella I. Klein.....	"	"	.....	*
Emma Lewis.....	"	"	.....	*
Esther I. Frischie.....	"	"		
Mrs. Sarah Jones.....	"	"		
Frank Jones.....	"	R		
Charles H. Berg.....	"	"		
Charles W. Logan.....	"	"	Apr. 17, 1901	D
Mrs. Catharine E. Logan	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Diana R. Weiser....	"	"		
John Dry.....	"	"		
Mrs. Alice Dry.....	"	"		
Samuel Reber.....	June 2, 1895	D		
Mrs. Kate Scheifle.....	"	R		
Mrs. Mary B. VanReed...	Oct. 11, 1895	D	.....	*
Oscar S. Brumbach.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ida E. Brumbach...	"	"	.....	*
John P. Kline.....	Jan. 12, 1896	"	.....	*
Mrs. Anna E. Kline.....	"	"	.....	*
Thomas Z. Bright.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Bright.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. S. Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ellen M. Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Frederick H. Richardson	"	"		
Mrs. Alice A. Richardson	"	"		
Elizabeth B. Biehl.....	"	"	.....	*
Annie G. Boltz.....	Apr. 3, 1896	C		
Sallie Bickert.....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Florence C. Deininger....	"	"	.....	*
Edith M. Deininger.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mazie DeLong.....	Apr. 3, 1896	C	Mrs. Kniss	*
Leonora Hietzer.....	"	"		
Mary M. Klein .....	"	"		
Edith E. Lance.....	"	"		*
Jennie M. Merkle.....	"	"		
Nora G. Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. Ellis	*
Sallie Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. Tice	*
Katie R. Miller .....	"	"	Mrs. Zweitzig	*
Edith M. Nissly .....	"	"		*
Mamie Noll.....	"	"	Mrs. Saylor	*
Ella L. Reber.....	"	"		
Mary E. Remack.....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
Mrs. Mary I. Schildt .....	"	"	Jan. 10, 1904	D
Sue B. Shaub.....	"	"	Mrs. Bewley	*
Mrs. Mary E. Shearer....	"	"	Mar. 30, 1907	C
Laura M. Schaeffer.....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Sallie M. Weiser.....	"	"		
Mrs. Kate Wright.....	"	"		*
Warren A. Barto.....	"	"		*
Wellington Bruder .....	"	"		
Mahlon Fornorman.....	"	"		*
Howard A. Feather .....	"	"		*
Victor A. Gift .....	"	"		*
John D. Heck .....	"	"		*
Edward S. Kautz.....	"	"		*
Martin C. Mackert .....	"	"		
Albert W. Miller.....	"	"		
William H. Ritter .....	"	"		*
Franklin A. Ream.....	"	"		*
Charles W. Reeser.....	"	"		*
Wm. H. Schaeffer.....	"	"		
Simon P. Staudt.....	"	"		
John F. Schoenberger....	"	"	Oct. 12, 1906	C
John J. Ulmer.....	"	"		*
David S. Yoh.....	"	"	Dec. 29, 1898	D
Daniel E. Miller†.....	"	D		*
Mrs. Rebecca Miller†....	"	"		*
Ella N. Reber .....	"	"		
Mrs. Annie H. Stoudt....	"	"		
Mrs. Sallie M. Howden...	"	"		*
Mrs. Margaret Shadel....	"	R		
Mrs. Harriet H. Ulmer...	"	D	Nov. 10, 1905	D



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Christian Dohner.....	Apr. 3, 1896	D		
Mrs. Elizabeth Dohner...	"	"		
Mrs. Amelia S. Kreitzer..	May 24, 1896	"		*
Charles L. Ritter.....	"	"	Jan. 7, 1904	C
Mrs. H. Sallie Kautz .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Ida H. Printz. ....	"	"		*
John F. Sonen.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Emma L. Sonen.....	"	"		*
Carrie D. Sonen.....	"	"		*
Bright R. Sonen.....	"	"	July 6, 1904	C
Clayton L. Sonen.....	"	"		
Isaac D. Boyer.....	"	"	June 13, 1899	D
Mrs. Caroline Boyer.....	"	"		D
Mary E. Boyer.....	"	"	Mrs. Drumh'r	*
Ida B. Boyer.....	"	"	Mrs. Feick	*
Frank L. Kreider.....	"	"		D
Abel Schaak.....	Oct. 4, 1896	"		*
Mrs. Louisa Schaak .....	"	"		*
Elizabeth B. Schaak.....	"	"	Mrs. Wanner	*
Harry H. Kalbach.....	"	R	Mar. 29, 1907	C
Harrison B. Kalbach .....	"	"	Aug. 12, 1903	D
Mrs. Sarah A. Kalbach...	"	"		*
Mrs. Emma S. Koch.....	"	D		
Mrs. Catharine F. Davis..	"	R		
Mrs. Deborah J. Phillips.	"	"		*
John M. Diehl.....	"	"		
Mrs. Clara M. Diehl.....	"	"		
Martin A. Stoudt.....	"	D		
Minnie Himmelberger....	Jan. 10, 1897	"		
Isaac W. Swartz.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Annie E. Swartz....	"	"		*
Mrs. H. Jennie Kurtz....	"	"		*
J. Elmer Leader.....	"	"		
Mary E. Brettman.....	Apr. 16, 1897	C	Mrs. Focht	*
E. Carrie Boyer.....	"	"	Mrs. Hurst	*
Vanie B. Davis.....	"	"	Apr. 12, 1899	D
Mrs. Laura Irene Essig...	"	"		*
Ella C. Fassnacht .....	"	"	Mrs. Moyer	*
Katie S. Focht .....	"	"		
Mrs. Valeria Gerhard.....	"	"	Apr. 3, 1907	E
Sallie A. Gerhard.....	"	"	Mrs. Schaeffer	*
Irvin S. Gerhard .....	"	"		*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Peter S. Gerhard .....	Apr. 16, 1897	R	Apr. 3, 1907	E
Anna R. Heck .....	"	C	.....	*
Daniel S. Holtzman .....	"	R	.....	
Mrs. Mary A. Holtzman..	"	"	.....	
Charles D. Holtzman.....	"	C	.....	
Hattie A. Holtzman.....	"	"	.....	
Annie E. Kinsey .....	"	"	Mrs. Romig	*
Carrie H. Koch .....	"	"	.....	
Stella M. Miller .....	"	"	.....	*
Lillian M. Peter .....	"	"	.....	*
Vallie G. Sonen .....	"	"	Mrs. Lowe	*
Laura A. Timey.....	"	"	.....	
Katie Wise .....	"	"	.....	
Clarence E. Dixon.....	"	"	.....	*
Milton U. Gerhard.....	"	"	.....	
Clayton Kaufman.....	"	"	.....	
Charles Keefer .....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. H. Koch .....	"	"	.....	
Mrs. Amanda C. Gretz...	"	R	.....	
Wm. W. Gretz.....	"	C	.....	*
Wm. James Lowe .....	"	"	.....	*
Howard A. Miller .....	"	"	.....	
Harry J. Ream.....	"	"	Feb. 1, 1907	D
George F. Roth† .....	"	"	.....	*
John A. Seibert.....	"	"	Oct. 12, 1901	D
Charles H. Shadel.....	"	"	.....	
Charles H. Smith.....	"	"	.....	*
Isaac Young.....	"	"	.....	*
George B. Price .....	"	D	Jan. 18, 1901	D
Mrs. Agnes E. Price.....	"	"	Jan. 8, 1907	C
Mrs. Carrie E. Weidner...	"	"	.....	
Mrs. Kate H. Rhoads.....	"	"	MrsGreenw'd	*
Grant Bechtold.....	"	"	.....	
Mrs. Alice A. Bechtold...	"	"	.....	*
John J. Sanders .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Louisa Sanders.....	"	"	.....	*
Milton E. Feather.....	"	"	Feb. 1, 1904	D
John Herbein.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Amanda Herbein....	"	"	.....	*
Frederick Drexel.....	"	"	.....	*
Rufus W. Bright.....	"	"	.....	*
George E. Rose†.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Ida V. Rose†.....	Apr. 16, 1897	D	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Ann Frantz...	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie A. Schlegel...	"	D	.....	*
Frank O. Stump.....	"	"	Mar. 7, 1898	E
Mrs. Susan R. Stump.....	"	"	"	E
Edwin M. Adam.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate A. Adam.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma A. Fick.....	"	"	.....	*
Samuel E. Fritz.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Sypherd.....	"	"	.....	*
Emma Rutter.....	"	"	.....	*
John D. Frederick.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie E. Frederick.	"	"	.....	*
Charles McDonough.....	Oct. 10, 1897	"	.....	*
Roger Moyer.....	"	"	.....	*
Clara Sassaman.....	"	"	July 2, 1908	E
Mrs. Emma M. Showers.	Jan. 9, 1898	"	.....	*
Harry F. Reifsnyder.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Alice R. Reifsnyder	"	"	.....	*
John P. Peiffer.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sarah E. Peiffer.....	"	"	.....	*
Nora M. Reeser.....	Apr. 10, 1898	C	Mrs. Marshall	*
Mrs. Emma L. Ream.....	"	"	.....	*
Cora I. Schellhammer....	"	"	.....	*
Katie Gift.....	"	"	.....	*
Mary E. Schoenberger...	"	"	.....	*
Maggie M. Klein.....	"	"	May 20, 1903	D
Mamie L. Schaerer.....	"	"	Mrs. Machmer	*
Mrs. Abbie McGrath.....	"	"	.....	*
Bessie E. Reeser.....	"	"	Mrs. Sterner	*
Lillie M. Jackson.....	"	"	Mrs. Sowers	*
Maggie P. Ritter.....	"	"	.....	*
Emma F. Collier.....	"	"	Mrs. Schlap'g	*
Eva May DeLong.....	"	"	Mrs. Swineh't	*
Mary R. Dundore.....	"	"	.....	*
Beckie L. Heckman.....	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
John M. Folmer.....	"	"	.....	*
J. Oscar Barto.....	"	"	.....	*
Ralph R. Tragle.....	"	"	.....	*
Allen H. Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Edward B. Mohr.....	"	"	.....	*
Adam Bard Mohr.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Harry H. Oese.....	Apr. 10, 1898	C	.....	*
Arthur C. Mest.....	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
H. Lester Potts.....	"	"	.....	*
Edward Schaeffer.....	"	"	.....	
Frederick M. Gift.....	"	"	.....	*
William H. Machmer.....	"	"	.....	D
John Carl.....	"	"	.....	*
Harry G. Neider.....	"	"	.....	*
Harry H. Engle.....	"	"	.....	
John H. Booser.....	"	"	.....	*
Jonathan H. Buck.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Sarah O. Buck.....	"	"	Oct. 10, 1902	D
Henry A. P. Schaerer....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Clara L. Schaerer...	"	"	.....	*
Frederick B. Kline.....	"	"	.....	
Mrs. Mary K. Kline.....	"	"	.....	
Albert B. Happel.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Maria A. Lerch.....	"	"	.....	
Sarah A. Boyer.....	"	"	Mrs. Bosold	*
Mrs. Lydia L. Mohr.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ida L. Trumbore....	"	"	.....	*
Reuben I. Strauss.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie E. Strauss....	"	"	.....	*
Sallie M. Weiand.....	"	"	.....	*
Sarah C. Fisher.....	Jan. 8, 1899	"	.....	
Mrs. Minnie Noss.....	"	"	.....	
Mrs. Susanna E. Guldin...	Apr. 2, 1899	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ellen S. Rowe.....	"	"	.....	
Mrs. Mary M. Shadel.....	"	"	.....	D
Mrs. Katherine Marks.....	"	"	.....	
Dr. Wilson H. Rothermel	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Alice T. Rothermel.	"	"	.....	*
Alvin J. Shartle.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sarah A. Shartle....	"	"	.....	*
Henry S. Roland.....	"	"	.....	
Mrs. Katie M. Roland....	"	"	.....	
Catharine Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. Rickert	*
Nora A. Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. Young	*
Seth S. Brumbach.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie A. Brumbach	"	"	.....	*
Catharine M. Addams....	"	C	.....	
Sallie E. Bausher.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Margaret E. Gorgas.....	Apr. 2, 1899	C	Mrs. Bechtel	*
Emma A. Merkel.....	"	"		
Mamie Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. McDowell	*
May Peters.....	"	"	Mrs. VanAllen	*
Emily E. Remack.....	"	"	Mrs. Baker	*
Lillie E. Reiss.....	"	"	Mar. 3, 1903	D
Callie M. Shadel.....	"	"		
Nora A. Smeck.....	"	"	Mrs. Hunter	*
Ella N. Ream.....	"	"		*
Ella N. Young.....	"	"	Mrs. Smith	*
Carrie M. Wells.....	"	"		
A. Herbert Barto.....	"	"		*
John H. Biehl.....	"	"		*
George S. Boltz.....	"	"	Nov. 1, 1905	E
John H. Border.....	"	"	Dec. 6, 1905	E
John P. Gerhard.....	"	"	Mar. 1, 1905	E
Frank B. Good.....	"	"		*
Howard M. Heck.....	"	"		
Charles B. Koch.....	"	"		*
D. Arthur Miller.....	"	"	Apr. 14, 1903	C
George F. Miller.....	"	"		*
Henry Riegel.....	"	"		
Herbert Schaeffer.....	"	"		*
Eugene Zimmerman.....	"	"		
Mrs. Annie C. Kantner...	May 21, 1899	D		*
William Kalter.....	"	"	July 2, 1908	E
William Baum.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Kate E. Baum.....	"	"		*
Charles H. Davis.....	"	"	Oct. 18, 1899	D
Mrs. Emily Davis.....	"	"		*
Mrs. C. Annie Hiller.....	Oct. 8, 1899	"		
Harry R. Laucks.....	"	"	Apr. 4, 1908	C
Mrs. Annie Gerhard.....	"	"	Apr. 3, 1902	D
Mrs. Annetta Steely.....	"	"		
Jeremiah S. Greenawald.	"	"		
Mrs. Lenora E. Gr'naw'd	"	"		
Thomas E. Hughes.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Lucy E. Hughes.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Sarah A. Kuser.....	Apr. 15, 1900	C		*
Jeremiah M. Hoffman.....	"	D		*
Mrs. Laura Hoffman.....	"	"		*
John H. Daniels.....	"	"		*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Claude J. Machemer .....	Apr. 15, 1900	D		*
Mrs. Clara R. Machemer .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Florence Dickinson .....	"	"	Apr. 10, 1906	C
John M. Rahn.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Ellen L. Rahn.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Rose Hallman.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Rose A. Noll.....	"	"		*
Wm. K. Spatz.....	"	"	Apr. 5, 1905	E
Mrs. Miranda Spatz.....	"	"	"	E
Allen L. Naftzinger.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Sallie K. Naftzinger .....	"	"		*
Crissie J. Naftzinger .....	"	"	Mrs. Mengel	*
Lottie M. Naftzinger .....	"	"	Mrs. Teter	*
Jennie E. Naftzinger.....	"	"	Mrs. Smith	*
Thomas M. Matten.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Alice D. Matten.....	"	"		*
Obadiah D. Dorward.....	"	"		*
Mamie N. Fessler.....	"	"		*
Franklin N. Sassaman.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Annie M. Sassaman .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Amanda Kinch.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Lydia C. Freese.....	"	"		*
Oliver H. Gift .....	"	"	Mar. 7, 1907	E
Mrs. Susan G. Gift .....	"	"	Feb. 16, 1908	C
Irvin W. Eaches.....	"	"		*
Annie M. Faust.....	"	"	Mrs. Barto	*
Samuel Heffleger.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Rebecca Heffleger...	"	"		*
Mary A. Deysher.....	"	"		*
Agnes H. Deysher.....	"	"		*
Charles L. Yoh.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Catharine Brandt...	"	C		*
Stella Brunner.....	"	"		*
Viola May Darrah.....	"	"	Dec. 7, 1906	C
Mabel DeLong.....	"	"	Mrs. Hagy	*
Mrs. Ellen Eaches.....	"	"		*
Katie E. Engel .....	"	"	Mrs. Huber	*
Annie Gift.....	"	"	Mrs. Becker	*
Bertha M. Griffeth.....	"	"		*
Sadie L. Haas.....	"	"		*
Hattie B. Lance.....	"	"		*
Lizzie L. Lerch .....	"	"	MrsShol'nb'g'r	*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Cora G. Logan.....	Apr. 15, 1900	C		*
Ella Grace Nissly.....	"	"	Mrs. Kieffer	*
Naomi Z. Rauenzahn.....	"	"		
Fannie Seyfert.....	"	"	MrsManmill'r	*
Mrs. Alice P. Stoudt.....	"	"		*
Edward H. Biehl.....	"	"		*
Alfred G. Derr.....	"	"		*
Amandus Deysher.....	"	"		*
Arthur Dunkelberger.....	"	"		*
Warren W. Gable.....	"	"	Apr. 19, 1907	D
Edwin C. Greth.....	"	"		*
Lemon M. Kuser.....	"	"		*
A. Cameron Lance.....	"	"		*
Arthur C. Lerch.....	"	"		*
Ralph R. Logan.....	"	"	Jan. 19, 1903	D
Irvin Long.....	"	"		
Arthur C. Mengel.....	"	"		*
J. Herbert Miller.....	"	"		*
Heman Schlappig.....	"	"	Jan. 3, 1906	E
Wm. H. Spatz.....	"	"	Apr. 5, 1905	E
Reuben A. Stoudt.....	"	"		D
Charles Thompson.....	"	"		*
Luther I. Umbenhower..	"	"		*
Harry W. Weik.....	"	"		*
Henry C. Heinzman.....	Oct. 14, 1900	R		
Mrs. Kate Seyfert.....	"	"	Dec. 6, 1905	E
Wm. Fornorman.....	"	"	Mar. 21, 1909	D
Mrs. Sophie J. Keim.....	Jan. 13, 1901	D		
Lizzie J. Keim.....	"	"		
Bertha M. Keim.....	"	"		
Jacob L. Angststadt.....	"	R		*
Cyrenius F. Romig.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Mary S. H. Romig..	"	"		*
Warren G. Hartman.....	Apr. 5, 1901	D		*
Mrs. Lovinia Hartman...	"	"		*
George A. Koch.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Carrie Koch.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Rebecca A. Saul....	"	"		*
Frank P. Saul.....	"	"		*
Oscar C. Stump.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Inez M. Stump.....	"	"		*
Morris M. Focht.....	"	"		*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Ellen M. Dilliplain..	Apr. 5, 1901	D		
Mary E. Reeser .....	"	"	May 21, 1906	D
Hettie L. Reeser .....	"	"	Mrs. Schroeder	*
Nora E. Reeser .....	"	"	Mrs. Gibson	*
James H. Ramer .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Fannie H. Ramer ...	"	"	.....	*
Clara K. Ramer .....	"	"	.....	*
Sallie Binkley .....	"	"	.....	*
Thomas M. Richardson...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie H. Richardson	"	"	.....	*
Robert E. Richardson ....	"	"	.....	*
Harry Kerns.....	"	"	Apr. 3, 1907	E
Mrs. Rebecca H. Kerns...	"	"	"	E
Annie E. Shartle .....	"	"	Mrs. Barto	*
Mrs. Mary Spayd.....	"	"		
Mrs. Ella E. Stitzel.....	"	"		
Eva May Beadencup.....	"	C	Apr. 3, 1907	E
Elenora M. Brettman.....	"	"	Dec. 30, 1902	D
Mary A. Engle.....	"	"	Feb. 28, 1909	D
Mrs. Mary L. Engle.....	"	"		*
Helen H. Fleckenstein ...	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
Sallie M. Keim .....	"	"		
Mabel M. Ludwig .....	"	"	Mrs. Kreider	*
Agnes Miller .....	"	"	.....	*
Ida Mae Neiman .....	"	"		*
Bertha Remack.....	"	"	Mrs. Bickley	*
Mamie L. Richardson ....	"	"	.....	*
M. Salome Sheetz.....	"	"	Jan. 28, 1908	C
Stella Schellhammer .....	"	"	Mrs Woodw'd	*
James B. Brunner.....	"	"		*
Verlerius C. Clewell.....	"	"	Nov. 8, 1907	E
Robert H. DeLong .....	"	"	Mar. 31, 1908	D
Lyman Dilliplain.....	"	"		
Edward Dunkelberger....	"	"		*
Oliver B. Miller.....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
George S. Mull .....	"	"		
Joseph P. Naftzinger.....	"	"		*
Norman N. Naftzinger....	"	"		*
Wm. N. Noll .....	"	"		*
William Remack .....	"	"	May 15, 1907	D
Charles A. Reeser.....	"	"		*
Harvey V. Sheetz .....	"	"		*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Joseph Seyfert .....	Apr. 5, 1901	C	Dec. 6, 1905	E
Mrs. Hannah Fry .....	May 26, 1901	D		
Mrs. Emma E. Schropp .....	"	"		*
Mame E. Schropp .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Mary S. Sehl .....	July 14, 1901	"		*
Harry Hudson .....	Oct. 13, 1901	C	Oct. 20, 1901	D
Mrs. Harriet Hudson .....	Jan. 12, 1902	D		*
Annie Hudson .....	"	"	Jan. 10, 1905	D
Lizzie Zillhardt .....	"	"	Mrs. Miller	*
Wm. H. Bollinger .....	"	"		
Mrs. Eleanor Bollinger .....	"	"		
Mrs. Mary A. Kieffer .....	"	"	July 2, 1908	E
Mrs. Mary E. Rauenzahn .....	"	"		
Mrs. Pauline Eckert .....	"	"		*
Edward C. Hardtner .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Sadie L. Barto .....	Mar. 30, 1902	C	Aug. 2, 1905	E
Howard Bausher .....	"	"		*
Lottie D. Beadencup .....	"	"	Apr. 3, 1907	E
Katie Bobst .....	"	"		*
Lillie A. Boltz .....	"	"		*
Ida Lizzie L. Botz .....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
Walter C. Clark .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Annie Crum .....	"	"		D
Amandus D. Culp .....	"	"	Dec. 6, 1905	E
Mrs. Elizabeth Dice .....	"	"		*
Charles Dunkelberger .....	"	"		*
Florence R. Feather .....	"	"		*
Mabel I. Feather .....	"	"		*
Ida M. Fessler .....	"	"	Mrs. Sheetz	*
Alberta M. Fornorman .....	"	"	Mrs. Stock	*
Helen I. Grube .....	"	"		*
Ira James Hain .....	"	"	Jan. 9, 1904	C
Edith A. Helt .....	"	"		
James F. Hiller .....	"	"		*
Emma M. Jones .....	"	"		*
Wm. Percy Kershner .....	"	"		*
John W. Klick .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Lillie M. Klick .....	"	"		*
Clara E. Kline .....	"	"	Mrs. Beane	*
Albert R. Koch .....	"	"		*
Bernetta Lance .....	"	"	Mrs. Potteiger	*
Hattie M. Lewis .....	"	"		*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Deborah K. Lerch.....	Mar. 30, 1902	C	Mrs. Keller	*
Maggie A. Lerch .....	"	"	Mrs. Stubble's	*
Florence A. Linton.....	"	"	Mrs. Hunter	*
Rosie M. Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Lillie B. Neiman .....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Charles C. Potteiger.....	"	"	.....	*
Stewart E. Printz .....	"	"	.....	*
Clarence Roth.....	"	"	.....	*
Frank Roth.....	"	"	.....	*
Lottie Sassaman.....	"	"	Mrs. Clark	*
Florence M. Shartle.....	"	"	Mrs. Printz	*
Elder P. Smeck.....	"	"	.....	*
Paul H. Smith.....	"	"	.....	*
Sadie L. Sonen .....	"	"	Mrs. Lance	*
Mabel S. Wickel.....	"	"	Mar. 3, 1909	E
Gertrude E. Wickel .....	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
Florence V. Young .....	"	"	Mrs. Smith	*
David Bankes .....	"	D	Dec. 6, 1905	E
Mrs. Sarah A. Bankes....	"	"	.....	*
Anna C. Bankes .....	"	"	.....	*
Cora M. Bankes .....	"	"	.....	*
Oscar R. Bankes.....	"	"	.....	*
Edwin C. Bates.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Stella M. Bates.....	"	"	.....	*
Howard L. Boltz .....	"	"	Oct. 3, 1905	D
Mrs. Ida E. Boltz .....	"	"	Mrs. Schlasman	*
Carrie M. Boltz.....	"	"	Mrs. Hiller	*
Henry Dice.....	"	"	.....	*
Harry G. Hain .....	"	"	July 3, 1905	E
Mrs. Melissa M. Hain .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sarah A. Helt.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Anna S. Jones .....	"	"	.....	*
Lillie Schropp .....	"	"	Apr. 19, 1905	C
Augustus O. Snyder.....	"	"	Oct. 7, 1902	D
Isaac Hoffa.....	Oct. 12, 1902	"	.....	*
Daniel H. Kerling.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sarah H. Kerling ...	"	"	Nov. 1, 1905	E

The following are the names of those received during the pastorate of Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, not including sixteen former members :



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Wm. J. Keim.....	Jan. 11, 1903	D	.....	*
Mrs. Nora L. Keim.....	"	"	.....	*
Franklin Fisher.....	"	R	.....	D
Reuben Nicholas.....	"	D	.....	*
W. Howard Clouser.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Emma M. Clouser...	"	"	.....	*
Wm. H. Kolb.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie A. Kolb.....	"	"	.....	*
Warren G. Carl.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma F. Carl.....	"	"	.....	*
Elizabeth L. Kleinginna..	"	R	June 5, 1906	D
Milton L. Haag.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Winona K. Haag.....	"	"	.....	*
Emma E. Haag.....	"	"	.....	*
Lavina J. Haag.....	"	"	.....	*
Beulah A. Haag.....	"	"	Sept. 7, 1905	C
Mrs. Susan Heffner.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Rebecca Dickert....	"	D	.....	*
Joseph Edward Bettinger	Mar. 21, 1903	C	Mar. 24, 1903	D
John B. Albert.....	Apr. 10, 1903	"	Nov. 1, 1905	E
Joseph D. Bauer.....	"	"	.....	*
Maude L. Beard.....	"	"	Mrs. Stapp	*
Margaret F. Blyler.....	"	"	.....	*
Freeman D. C. Botz.....	"	"	.....	*
Fred. G. Brettman.....	"	"	.....	*
George J. Brobst.....	"	"	Nov. 8, 1907	E
Beulah R. Carl.....	"	"	.....	*
Nevin H. Carl.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. A. Clouser.....	"	"	.....	*
Clarence S. DeLong.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie E. Detthof...	"	"	.....	*
Edwin S. Dundore.....	"	"	.....	*
Anna E. Fassnacht.....	"	"	Mrs. Rothermel	*
Gertrude V. Fleckenstein	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
J. Joseph Fleishut.....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
Charles A. Frederick.....	"	"	.....	*
George W. Gable.....	"	"	.....	*
Edward Gift.....	"	"	.....	*
Mary C. Greth.....	"	"	.....	*
John C. Hiester.....	"	"	.....	*
Florence P. Ibach.....	"	"	.....	*
Carrie M. Kantner.....	"	"	.....	*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mabel V. Kautz.....	Apr. 10, 1903	C	Mrs. Yeager..	*
Horatio Kercher.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. P. Ketterer.....	"	"	.....	*
L. Grace Kostenbader.....	"	"	.....	*
Edwin K. Lerch.....	"	"	.....	*
Irene R. Logan.....	"	"	.....	*
Leroy S. Marshall.....	"	"	.....	*
Milton E. Matten.....	"	"	.....	*
George A. McDowell.....	"	"	.....	*
Samuel P. Machmer.....	"	"	Oct. 2, 1907	E
Lizzie R. Mease.....	"	"	.....	*
John H. Moodhard.....	"	"	.....	*
Bertha C. Neider.....	"	"	.....	*
Margaret M. Powers.....	"	"	.....	*
Laura Resch.....	"	"	.....	*
Bessie M. Ritter.....	"	"	Mrs. Ketterer	*
William Roth.....	"	"	.....	*
Elizabeth M. Ruth.....	"	"	Mrs Wadsw'h	*
Annie P. Schlegel.....	"	"	Mrs. Barto	*
Harry F. Sonen.....	"	"	.....	*
Neida L. Stichler.....	"	"	Mrs. Keener	*
Mary P. Waid.....	"	"	Mrs. Roth	*
Fred. H. Young.....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
George L. Young.....	"	"	.....	*
Alice Miller.....	Apr. 12, 1903	D	Mrs. Hertzog	*
Mrs. Ada L. Breidenbach	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Helen E. Long.....	"	D	Mrs. Sheetz	*
George B. Kniss.....	"	"	.....	*
Harvey F. Bush.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Katie G. Bush.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Lettie Dunkelberger	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie Kline.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ella M. Ulrich.....	"	"	.....	*
Jacob Detthof.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Hannah Stichler....	"	"	.....	*
Albert H. Emmert.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Mary B. Emmert....	"	"	.....	*
James P. Maberry.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Mary A. Maberry...	"	"	.....	*
Edwin H. Maberry.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Katie A. Kercher...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie L. E. Beane..	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Ida R. Ibach.....	Apr. 12, 1903	D	.....	*
Mrs. Mary A. Bauer.....	"	R	.....	*
George H. Mease.....	"	"	Nov. 8, 1907	E
Mrs. Annie C. Mease.....	"	D	"	E
Mrs. Phoebe Feather.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Alice M. Berg.....	"	R	June 25, 1907	C
Mrs. Emma G. Wineland	"	"	.....	*
George A. Wineland.....	"	"	Jan. 3, 1906	E
Wm. E. Ketterer.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate A. Ketterer...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Bertha L. Weiser...	"	D	Nov. 14, 1904	E
John Herb Ruth.....	May 16, 1903	C	June 1, 1903	D
Mrs. S. M. Lichtenthaeler	May 31, 1903	R	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie P. Mack.....	"	R	Nov. 1, 1905	E
Mrs. Lydia E. Ruth.....	"	R	.....	*
G. B. Trechsel.....	"	D	Apr. 9, 1908	D
Harry C. Wanner.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Annie E. Wanner...	"	"	.....	*
Daniel B. Fry.....	June 1, 1903	C	June 5, 1903	D
Mrs. Louisa M. Barto.....	Oct. 11, 1903	D	.....	*
Fremont B. Deisher.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Marguerite Deisher.	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Addie Heffelfinger..	"	"	Aug. 2, 1905	E
William Hite.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Louisa D. Hite.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie L. Hoffman...	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Laura I. Hoffman...	"	R	Aug. 2, 1905	E
John W. Bucks.....	Jan. 10, 1904	D	.....	*
Mrs. Emma I. Bucks.....	"	"	.....	*
Albert W. Groff.....	"	"	.....	*
Oscar Kersher.....	"	"	.....	*
Alexander Neider.....	"	R	Dec. 6, 1905	E
Harrison Neider.....	"	"	Nov. 1, 1905	E
Mrs. Ellanora Neider.....	"	"	"	E
Abner A. Shearer.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Annie M. Shearer...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Lilly D. Albright....	Apr. 1, 1904	C	.....	*
Thomas J. Baer.....	"	"	.....	*
Bessie L. Bennethum.....	"	"	Feb. 3, 1909	E
John H. Brandt.....	"	"	.....	*
Harry A. Bridegam.....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Lawrence C. Bright.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Albert D. Coller.....	Apr. 1, 1904	C		*
Mary Helen Coller.....	"	"	May 25, 1905	D
Maude E. Cramp.....	"	"	.....	*
James DeLong.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles D. Dietrich.....	"	"	.....	*
Edgar F. Free.....	"	"	.....	*
Lillian LaVerna Free.....	"	"	Mrs. Landis	*
Annie S. Geist.....	"	"	.....	*
Sadie Q. B. Good.....	"	"	Mrs. Schonour	*
Charles M. Haag.....	"	"	.....	*
Rudolph R. Heffleger.....	"	"	.....	*
Claude V. Hertz.....	"	"	.....	*
Mary A. E. Hiller.....	"	"	Mrs. Schaeffer	*
Mrs. Ellen F. Hoover.....	"	"	.....	*
Edna Jackson.....	"	"	Mrs. Heilman	*
Dr. Elmer C. Kieffer.....	"	"	.....	*
George S. Kline.....	"	"	.....	*
Mamie E. Kline.....	"	"	.....	*
Edna S. Kostenbader.....	"	"	.....	*
Henry L. Kreitz.....	"	"	Apr. 10, 1906	C
Vinnie F. Kreitz.....	"	"	"	C
Annie M. Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Abner L. Moll.....	"	"	Mar. 3, 1909	E
Alfred E. Moll.....	"	"	.....	*
Elverta M. Moodhart.....	"	"	Mrs. Evans	*
John Adam Moyer.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Maude M. Moyer.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Amanda Neider.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Jane M. Neider.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Rachel E. Neider.....	"	"	.....	*
Carrie Oulds.....	"	"	Mrs. Smith	*
Adeline M. Redcay.....	"	"	.....	*
Arthur W. R. Reeser.....	"	"	.....	*
Ethel M. Robinson.....	"	"	.....	*
Helen M. Sands.....	"	"	.....	*
Harvey E. Scheidt.....	"	"	.....	*
Jennie M. Schmeck.....	"	"	.....	*
Theresa Schoenfelder.....	"	"	Mrs. Stichler	*
William Shadel.....	"	"	.....	*
Maggie P. Snovel.....	"	"	.....	*
William S. Thompson.....	"	"	.....	*
Arthur R. Trumbore.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Jacob J. Ulmer.....	Apr. 1, 1904	C	.....	*
William Ulmer .....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
John P. Anderson .....	Apr. 3, 1904	D	.....	*
Mrs. Lizzie M. Anderson	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Katie L. Batz .....	"	R	.....	*
Andrew A. Bean .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Levina O. Bean .....	"	"	.....	*
Henry S. Bernhart .....	"	D	.....	*
Jennie Eisenhart .....	"	"	.....	*
William Encke .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Bertha M. Encke....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie K. Free.....	"	R	.....	*
Jere. A. Geist .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate M. Geist.....	"	"	June 24, 1908	D
Mrs. Bella B. Gehret .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Catharine Grainger..	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Catharine C. Hanf...	"	"	.....	*
George H. Hiller .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate R. Hiller .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Alice G. Miller .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Caroline S. Miller...	"	"	.....	*
Benj. D. Moser .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sarah E. Moser .....	"	"	.....	*
Charles F. Pauley .....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Laura Pauley .....	"	R	.....	*
Clara L. Ruth .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie E. Schmeck...	"	"	.....	*
Jonathan L. Stubblebine	"	"	.....	*
Franklin S. Trump .....	"	"	.....	*
Solomon F. Ulrich .....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Rose E. Borrell .....	May 22, 1904	"	.....	*
Florence E. Borrell.....	"	"	Feb. 4, 1908	D
Mrs. Christiana Busser...	"	R	.....	*
Mary R. Christman.....	"	D	Mar. 21, 1907	C
Aaron G. Cleaver .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Anna F. Cleaver.....	"	R	.....	*
Wellington T. Faust.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Lizzie P. Faust.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary M. Herline....	"	R	Mrs.Detterline	*
Katie J. Hough.....	"	D	Dec. 5, 1908	D
Henry P. Keiper.....	"	"	.....	*
I. Alonzo Ocksrider .....	"	R	.....	*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Anna E. Ocksrider..	May 22, 1904	R	.....	*
Wm. J. Ocksrider .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary A. Ocksrider..	"	"	.....	*
Elery A. Ocksrider .....	"	"	.....	*
Newton Schnader .....	"	D	Jan. 15, 1907	C
Mrs. Adeline Z. Schnader	"	"	"	C
Mrs. Deborah F. Stitzer..	"	R	.....	*
Charles E. Weigle .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Clara Weigle .....	"	D	.....	*
Franklin A. Root .....	June 13, 1904	O	June 26, 1904	D
Harry L. Fassnacht .....	Oct. 9, 1904	R	Jan. 22, 1908	D
Mrs. Dawn M. Fassnacht	"	"	.....	*
Fred. A. Krauss .....	"	D	Jan. 28, 1908	C
Lizzie I. Weidman .....	"	"	Mrs. Groff	*
Carrie Stump .....	"	R	.....	*
Francis Y. Penrose .....	"	D	.....	*
John H. Siegfried .....	"	"	.....	*
Peter B. Miller .....	"	R	.....	*
Allen W. McKently .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mamie A. McKently	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Cath. A. B. Smith..	"	C	.....	*
Thomas F. Adams .....	Jan. 8, 1905	D	.....	*
Mrs. Ellen E. Adams .....	"	R	.....	*
Elwood S. Adams .....	"	D	Oct. 23, 1907	C
Sallie C. Adams .....	"	"	Mrs. Molly	*
Sarah E. Evans .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Katie Kelly .....	"	R	July 2, 1908	E
Mrs. Flora A. Richardson	"	D	.....	*
Cora A. Adams .....	Apr. 21, 1905	C	Mrs Daugherty	*
Edith P. Bankes .....	"	"	.....	*
Magdalena Becker .....	"	"	.....	*
Kathryn E. Boltz .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie K. Boyer .....	"	"	.....	*
Mamie C. Eisenhart .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Funck .....	"	"	.....	*
Sarah Gift .....	"	"	.....	*
Laura L. Good .....	"	"	.....	*
Florence M. Kline .....	"	"	.....	*
Mary L. Kline .....	"	"	.....	*
Mary A. May .....	"	"	.....	C
Annie M. Mersinger .....	"	"	.....	*
Sallie S. Miller .....	"	"	.....	*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Elmira Resch.....	Apr. 21, 1905	C	.....	*
Edith E. Sassaman .....	"	"	.....	*
Grace O. Shadel.....	"	"	.....	*
Jennie M. Stitzer.....	"	"	Mrs. Miller	*
May M. Stoudt.....	"	"	.....	*
Clara E. Vernon.....	"	"	MrsFenst'rm'r	*
Benjamin T. Adams.....	"	"	.....	*
Leon E. Altenderfer.....	"	"	.....	*
Lloyd O. Barto .....	"	"	.....	*
Henry K. Bechtel .....	"	"	.....	*
Milton A. D. Botz.....	"	"	.....	*
Ralph S. Dunkelberger...	"	"	.....	*
Wm. P. Eisenhower.....	"	"	.....	*
Henry M. Folmer.....	"	"	.....	*
John V. Frederick.....	"	"	.....	*
George W. Good.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. F. Hiester.....	"	"	.....	*
Wm. W. Hurst.....	"	"	.....	*
Elmer E. Keiper.....	"	"	.....	*
David Sylvester Kelly.....	"	"	July 2, 1908	E
John K. Lichtenthaeler...	"	"	.....	*
Ervin A. Mease.....	"	"	.....	*
Robert Neider.....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
Edward D. Ritter.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles O. Rohrbach .....	"	"	.....	*
Asher D. Stichler.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles R. Stitzer .....	"	"	.....	*
Percy O. Strausser .....	"	"	July 3, 1907	E
Earl F. Wanner .....	"	"	.....	*
John D. Young.....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
Mary E. Tompkins .....	Apr. 23, 1905	"	.....	*
Adam D. Althouse .....	"	D	.....	*
Annie I. Althouse .....	"	"	.....	*
Solomon A. Althouse, jr.	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie R. Baer.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Mary B. Baum.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Hannah M. Beard...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sarah E. Bliesath...	"	D	.....	*
Wm. B. Bowman.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Emma E. Bowman...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Lizzie K. Eisenhower	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Emma Evans.....	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Nora M. Evans.....	Apr. 23, 1905	D	.....	*
Virgie M. Evans.....	"	"	.....	*
Sadie M. Evans.....	"	"	.....	*
Erman O. Evans.....	"	"	.....	*
Wilmert J. Evans.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Laura C. Gift.....	"	R	.....	*
Irvin B. Happel.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Hannah L. Happel..	"	"	.....	*
Nicholas J. Hoffman .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sophia Keiper.....	"	D	.....	*
Jennie E. Lower.....	"	"	June 21, 1906	C
John H. Masteller.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ida J. Masteller.....	"	"	.....	*
Paul E. Roedel.....	"	R	Nov. 8, 1907	E
James A. Rothermel .....	"	D	.....	*
Eudora G. Smith.....	"	"	Jan. 8, 1907	C
Helen A. Smith .....	"	"	Mrs. Dunavan	*
Jerome B. Tompkins .....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Han'h L. Tompkins	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Laura M. Weidman	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Ellen A. Wrentzel..	"	R	.....	*
Luther E. Wrentzel .....	"	"	.....	*
Charles Young.....	"	"	July 31, 1907	E
Mrs. Kate Young.....	"	"	"	E
Isaac M. Boyer.....	"	"	.....	*
Harry K. Boyer.....	"	"	Nov. 25, 1905	D
Jacob R. Anderson.....	June 11, 1905	"	Jan. 8, 1907	C
Mrs. Sallie G. Anderson..	"	D	"	C
Mrs. Joanna P. Buck.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Bessie M. Greenw'd	"	R	.....	*
George W. Gring.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Mary G. Happel.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary Weyman.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Louisa Alspach.....	Oct. 8, 1905	R	.....	*
George R. Gregory.....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie A. Gregory...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Maggie C. Hart .....	"	R	Mrs Heyberger	*
Mrs. Anna M. Hill.....	"	"	.....	*
Maud L. Hill .....	"	"	.....	*
Luther S. Hill.....	"	"	.....	*
John A. Miller.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Candace S. Miller...	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Stewart B. Mooney.....	Oct. 8, 1905	D	.....	*
Mrs. Minnie M. Mooney..	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. M. E. Dunkelberger	Jan. 14, 1906	R	.....	*
Mary E. Ibach.....	"	D	.....	*
A. A. Simon, jr.....	"	"	.....	*
Clarence S. Kreider.....	Feb. 22, 1906	C	Mar. 1, 1906	D
Bennevillle M. Artz.....	Apr. 13, 1906	"	May 20, 1908	D
Hattie A. N. Beard.....	"	"	Mrs. Miller	*
Harrison S. Beard.....	"	"	.....	*
Edmund R. Becker.....	"	"	.....	*
Ralph E. Black.....	"	"	.....	*
Nellie C. Boltz.....	"	"	.....	*
William Bower.....	"	"	Nov. 4, 1908	E
Dora A. Bright.....	"	"	.....	*
Ada C. Brown.....	"	"	Mrs. Fox	*
Eva M. Brown.....	"	"	Mrs. Hersch	*
Elvie I. Brown.....	"	"	.....	*
Irene Collier.....	"	"	Mrs. Rider	*
Leon C. Darrah.....	"	"	.....	*
Helen P. Davis.....	"	"	.....	*
John C. Dawson.....	"	"	.....	*
Ada M. DeLong.....	"	"	.....	*
Ivey A. DeLong.....	"	"	.....	*
Chester Eisenhower.....	"	"	.....	*
Wayne N. Feather.....	"	"	.....	*
Edna L. Fidler.....	"	"	.....	*
Blanche H. Fornorman..	"	"	.....	*
William A. Fritz.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ada M. Gable.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Mary M. Gabel.....	"	"	.....	*
F. Bruce Gerhard.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles S. Getrost.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ella C. Gift.....	"	"	.....	*
Mabel E. Grube.....	"	"	.....	*
Howard W. Haas.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Sallie R. Haas.....	"	"	.....	*
Chester G. Hertz.....	"	"	.....	*
Sadie M. Himmelberger..	"	"	.....	*
Ida K. Himmelreich.....	"	"	.....	*
George W. Hite.....	"	"	.....	*
Luella R. Hohl.....	"	"	Mrs. Reeser	*
Edith M. Kline.....	"	"	Mrs. Rohrbach	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Helen M. Kline.....	Apr. 13, 1906	C		*
Robert W. H. Kolb.....	"	"		*
Sallie M. Y. Levan .....	"	"		*
Herman G. D. Ludwig.....	"	"		*
Charles E. Maberry.....	"	"		*
Esther May Miller.....	"	"		*
Chester S. Miller.....	"	"		*
William C. Miller.....	"	"		*
Calvin Neiman .....	"	"		*
Charlotte M. Nuss.....	"	"		*
Cordelia E. Power.....	"	"		*
Lottie M. Rhoads.....	"	"	Mrs. Young	*
John H. Romig.....	"	"	Jan. 9, 1909	C
George S. Roth.....	"	"		*
Frances E. Roth.....	"	"	Mrs. Homan	*
Elsie M. Roth .....	"	"		*
Lloyd P. Moll .....	"	"		*
Helen M. Ruth .....	"	"		*
Charles H. Ruth.....	"	"		*
Leroy J. Sanders .....	"	"		*
Wm. D. Schaeffer .....	"	"		*
Herbert P. Schmeck.....	"	"		*
Mary E. Schneder.....	"	"		*
Anna Margaret Schneder	"	"		*
Henry E. Seder .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Mary H. Seyfert....	"	"		*
Helen E. Sheetz.....	"	"		*
Emilie I. Shultz.....	"	"		*
Hattie C. Stoudt.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Katie E. Wagner....	"	"		*
Tillie M. Wright.....	"	"		*
Edward C. Young .....	"	"		*
Mrs. Katie M. Althouse..	Apr. 15, 1906	D		*
Howard F. Behlor.....	"	"		*
Mrs. Cora E. Behlor.....	"	"		*
Albert H. Boltz.....	"	R		*
Mrs. Laura M. Boltz.....	"	"		*
Ellsworth Gabel.....	"	"		*
Glenn Happel .....	"	D		*
Emerson K. Hohl.....	"	R		*
Mrs. Catharine F. Hohl..	"	"		*
Mrs. Emma R. Resch.....	"	"		*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Mrs. Rosanna J. Schreck	Apr. 15, 1906	D	.....	C
Joseph S. Shultz.....	"	R	Nov. 28, 1908	D
Mrs. Mary J. Shultz.....	"	"	.....	*
Calvin F. Wilhelm.....	"	D	.....	*
Henry Walter Goodhart..	May 23, 1906	C	May 25, 1906	D
Solomon A. Althouse.....	June 3, 1906	R	June 18, 1908	D
Mrs. Clara R. Althouse...	"	"	.....	*
Howard J. Fick.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Katie R. Fick.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ella H. Getrost.....	"	"	.....	*
James Ramer.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Fannie Ramer.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Lucy J. Mayer.....	Oct. 14, 1906	D	.....	*
Mrs. Meada K. Trump.....	"	"	.....	*
Herbert J. DeTurk.....	"	"	.....	*
David H. Fassnacht.....	Jan. 13, 1907	"	.....	*
Mrs. Susan L. Fassnacht	"	"	.....	*
Paul S. Fassnacht.....	"	"	.....	*
Harvey S. Fassnacht.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Ella M. Frill.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Carrie H. Schum'her	"	"	.....	*
William Charles Miller...	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Anna May Miller....	"	D	.....	*
Mary S. Adams.....	Mar. 29, 1907	C	Mrs. Rapp	*
Mary E. Bankes.....	"	"	May 29, 1907	D
George W. Beard.....	"	"	.....	*
Clarence H. Beck.....	"	"	.....	*
S. Florence Biehl.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles G. Boger.....	"	"	.....	*
Leroy G. Boltz.....	"	"	.....	*
John J. Boltz.....	"	"	.....	*
Annetta I. Boone.....	"	"	.....	*
Elizabeth Bright.....	"	"	Mrs. Lightcap	*
Helen M. Brobst.....	"	"	.....	*
Eva M. Brown.....	"	"	Oct. 5, 1907	C
M. Edith Clouser.....	"	"	.....	*
Florence S. Collier.....	"	"	.....	*
Florence M. Davis.....	"	"	.....	*
Robert A. Davis.....	"	"	.....	*
J. Grim Derr.....	"	"	.....	*
Bessie V. Felix.....	"	"	.....	*
Louisa E. Frantz.....	"	"	.....	*



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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Helen M. Funck .....	Mar. 29, 1907	C	.....	*
Mahretta I. Gery .....	"	"	July 2, 1908	E
Morris Gift .....	"	"	.....	*
Amelia S. Goodhart.....	"	"	.....	*
Maude M. L. Heckman...	"	"	.....	*
H. Howard Hoffman .....	"	"	.....	*
William R. Ibach .....	"	"	.....	*
Earl W. Jackson .....	"	"	.....	*
Edna I. Kinsey.....	"	"	.....	*
Margaret M. Kline .....	"	"	.....	*
George R. Kline.....	"	"	.....	*
Chester T. Matten.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles W. Matten .....	"	"	.....	*
Annie L. Miller.....	"	"	Mrs. Westley	*
Stella Moodhard.....	"	"	.....	*
Oscar F. Moser.....	"	"	July 2, 1903	E
Luther T. Naftzinger.....	"	"	.....	*
Clarence E. Neiman.....	"	"	.....	*
Walter L. Noll.....	"	"	.....	*
Mabel M. Printz.....	"	"	.....	*
Rayman W. Reeser.....	"	"	.....	*
Ruth E. Rightnour .....	"	"	.....	*
Earl J. S. Rose.....	"	"	.....	*
Edith M. Shadel.....	"	"	.....	*
Katharine S. Shadel.....	"	"	.....	*
M. Edna Shomo .....	"	"	.....	*
Henry A. Swoyer .....	"	"	.....	*
Walter T. Swoyer.....	"	"	.....	*
Charles E. Tompkins.....	"	"	.....	*
May Vernon.....	"	"	Mrs. Miller	*
Harry D. Whitner.....	"	"	.....	*
William C. Barto.....	Mar. 31, 1907	R	.....	*
Mrs. Jennie L. Behrle....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Agnes A. Cooper....	"	"	.....	*
Monroe H. Fensterm'her	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Verna L. Gerhard...	"	"	.....	*
Adam B. May .....	"	"	.....	*
Aaron T. Mull.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Clara J. Mull.....	"	D	.....	*
Emma I. Mull .....	"	"	.....	*
Charles F. Mohrbach.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Katie A. Mohrbach.	"	"	.....	*

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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Carrie E. Wright .....	Mar. 31, 1907	D	Mrs. Kurath	**
Mrs. Kate R. Bagenstose	May 19, 1907	R	.....	**
Mrs. Alice N. Heckman..	"	"	.....	**
Bertha R. Lutz .....	"	"	Mrs. Burley	**
Mrs. L. J. Rothenberger..	"	"	.....	**
Daniel W. Rutter .....	"	"	.....	**
Mrs. Emma R. Rutter....	"	"	.....	**
James C. Shears .....	"	"	.....	**
Mrs. Anna M. Shears.....	"	"	.....	**
Mrs. Hallie J. Smith .....	"	"	.....	**
James H. Stitzel .....	"	"	Feb. 3, 1909	E
Claude W. Burley .....	Oct. 13, 1907	D	.....	**
Alfred B. Loy .....	"	R	.....	**
Mrs. Lizzie G. Loy .....	"	"	.....	**
Mrs. Isabella J. Waid .....	"	D	.....	**
Harry H. Roy .....	Nov. 23, 1907	C	.....	**
Mrs. Helen D. Roy .....	"	R	.....	**
Warren S. Balthaser .....	Jan. 12, 1908	"	.....	**
Franklin Heyberger.....	"	D	.....	**
Catharine Heyberger.....	"	R	.....	**
Thomas L. Moyer .....	"	"	Mar. 8, 1908	D
Mrs. Mary L. Kirschner..	"	"	.....	**
Eva M. Baum .....	Apr. 17, 1908	C	.....	**
Naomi E. Bright .....	"	"	.....	**
Clarence S. Clark .....	"	"	.....	**
John A. Clewell .....	"	"	.....	**
John Dautrich .....	"	"	.....	**
John D. H. Deysher .....	"	"	.....	**
Raymond S. Fassnacht...	"	"	.....	**
Gertrude N. Feather .....	"	"	.....	**
Beulah A. Fegley .....	"	"	.....	**
Mrs. Anna B. Fishel .....	"	"	.....	**
Pearl M. Free .....	"	"	.....	**
Junie M. Free .....	"	"	.....	**
Henry Arthur Freeman...	"	"	.....	**
Mrs. Clara E. Gauker .....	"	"	.....	**
Edna R. Greth .....	"	"	.....	**
Alvin C. Groff .....	"	"	.....	**
Mrs. Ada Gehret .....	"	"	.....	**
Helen E. Heffner .....	"	"	.....	**
Paul C. Hertz .....	"	"	.....	**
Bessie P. Ketterer .....	"	"	.....	**

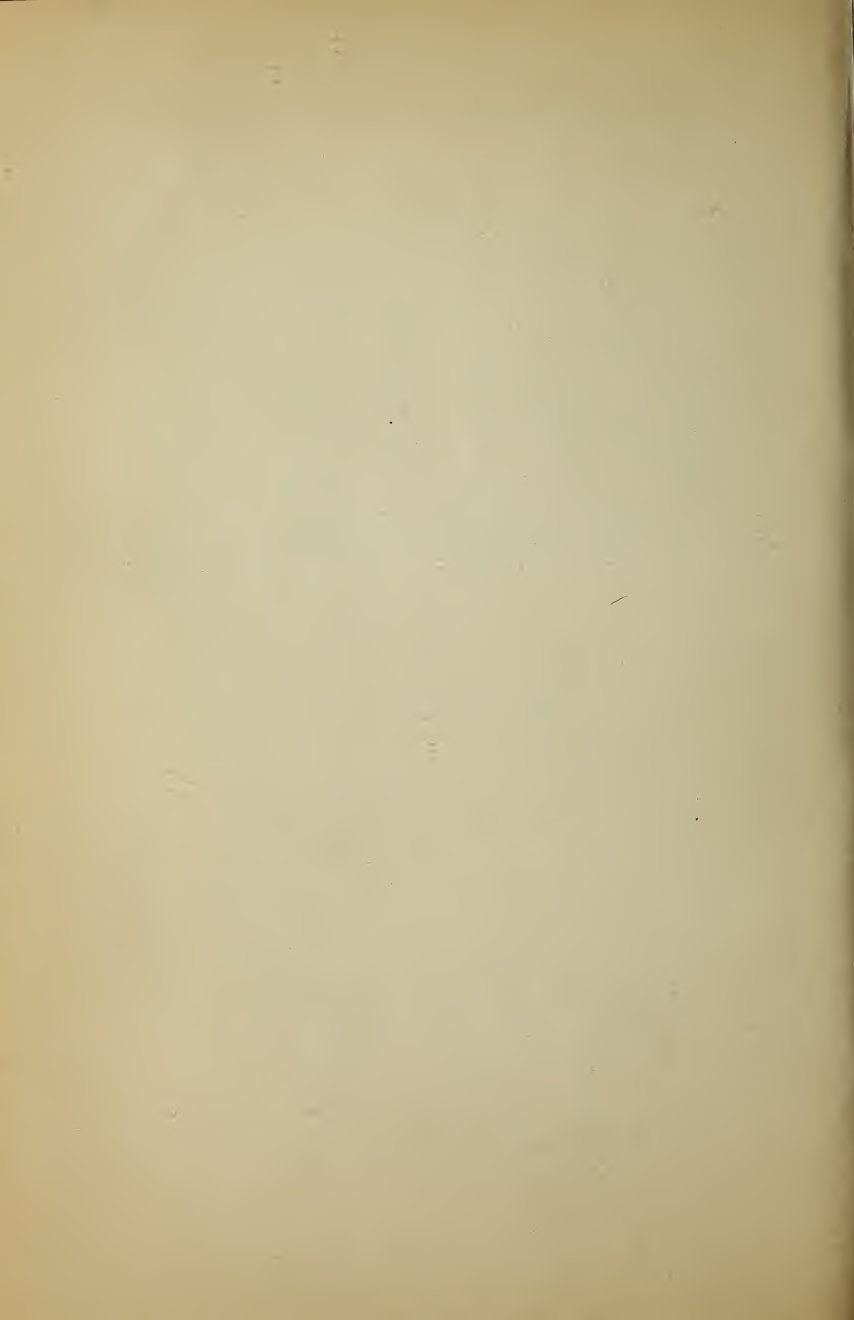
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NAMES.	When Received.	How.	When Lost.	How.
Marion S. Klein .....	Apr. 17, 1908	O	.....	*
Anna M. Kurtz .....	"	"	.....	*
Joseph A. Kurath .....	"	"	.....	*
Chester G. Leedy .....	"	"	.....	*
Minnie E. Lerch .....	"	"	.....	*
Estella Less .....	"	"	.....	*
Edith N. Levan .....	"	"	.....	*
Sydney J. H. Levengood .....	"	"	.....	*
Daniel P. Loose .....	"	"	.....	*
Gertrude L. M. Ludwig .....	"	"	.....	*
Earl L. Mengel .....	"	"	.....	*
Mabel E. Mersinger .....	"	"	.....	*
Fannie F. Millet .....	"	"	.....	*
Herbert O. Moll .....	"	"	.....	*
Clarence Moodhard .....	"	"	.....	*
Katie H. Mull .....	"	"	.....	*
Herbert C. Richardson .....	"	"	.....	*
Annie M. Rutter .....	"	"	.....	*
Howard E. Tompkins .....	"	"	.....	*
Ruth F. Trout .....	"	"	.....	*
Eva V. Waide .....	"	"	.....	*
Edith E. Walker .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate DeLong .....	Apr. 19, 1908	D	.....	*
Dr. George F. DeLong .....	"	"	.....	*
Mary E. Dague .....	"	"	.....	*
Elias R. George .....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Amanda B. George .....	"	"	.....	*
Mary A. Hough .....	"	D	.....	*
Mrs. Matilda Long .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Martha Loose .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. S. Maud Maberry .....	"	"	.....	*
Walker L. Stephen .....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. C. Mayme Stephen .....	"	D	.....	*
Charles F. Bosold .....	Oct. 11, 1908	"	.....	*
John F. Hunsicker .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Cath. E. Hunsicker .....	"	"	.....	*
Jere B. Kistler .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Annie A. Kistler .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Salinda Lewis .....	"	R	.....	*
William F. Reimert .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Hattie J. Reimert .....	"	"	.....	*
Harvey H. Reinhart .....	"	D	.....	*

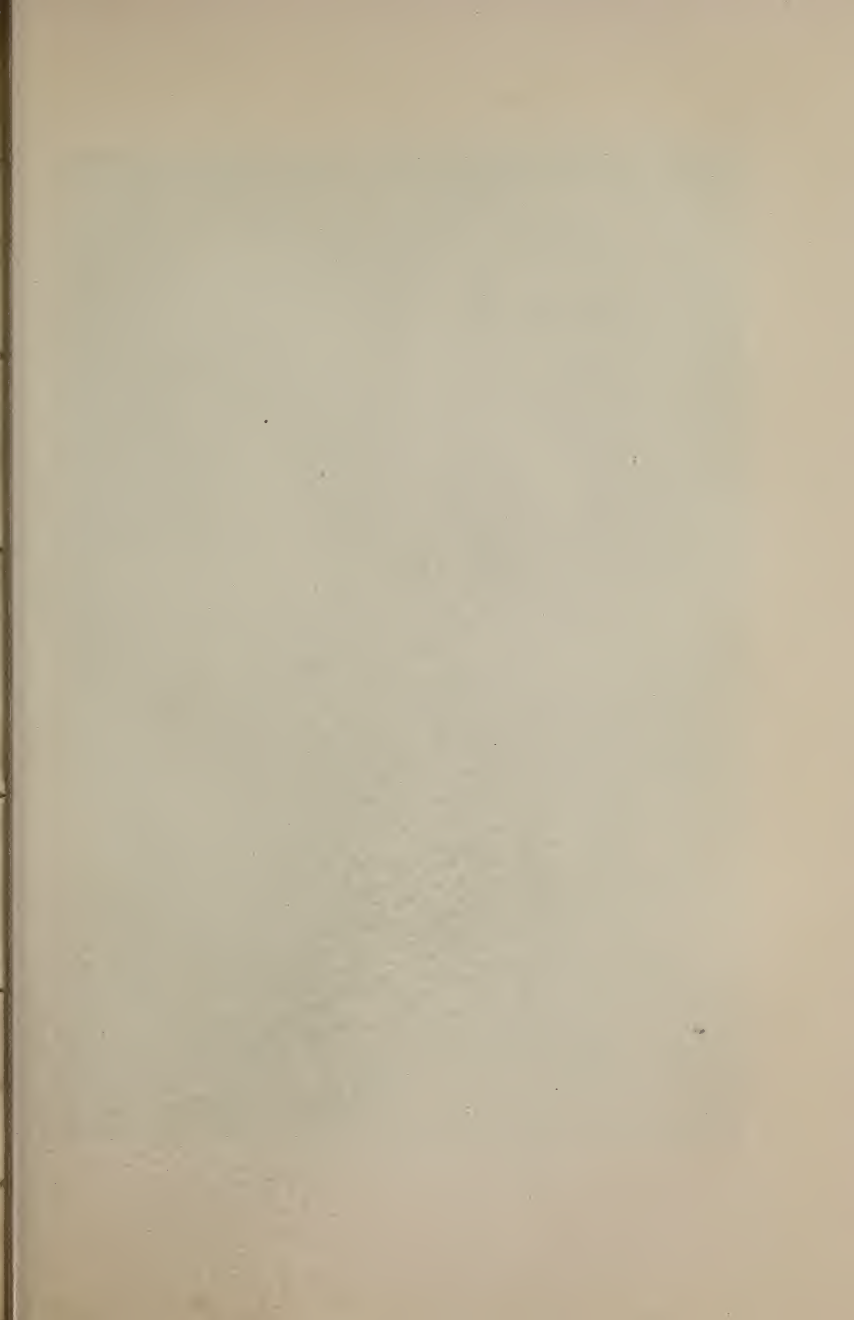
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Mrs. Rena M. Reinhart...	Oct. 11, 1908	D	.....	*
Charles A. Troelsch .....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Phoebe E. Troelsch .....	"	"	.....	*
Sallie M. Betz .....	Jan. 10, 1909	"	.....	*
Annie V. Carl .....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Katie M. Evans.....	"	"	.....	*
R. Edward Harbach.....	"	"	.....	*
Mrs. Kate R. Peters.....	"	"	.....	*
Wilford M. Schappell.....	"	D	.....	*
Frank W. Schwartz .....	"	"	.....	*
Paul Shaak.....	"	R	.....	*
Mrs. Katie E. Shaak .....	"	D	.....	*

NOTE.—By mistake a dagger (†) was placed after the name of Mrs. Grace Thompson, and omitted from the names of Mrs. Annie Buckwalter, William H. Hinkle and Lizzie R. Kline (Mrs. Neiman).









THE SONS OF THE CONGREGATION.

## CHAPTER XIV

### THE SONS OF THE CONGREGATION



**D**URING the first twenty-five years of her history St. Stephen's Reformed Congregation sent three of her sons into the Christian ministry and one of her daughters into the foreign mission field: Rev. Henry Y. Stoner, Rev. Andrew H. Smith, Rev. Glase Gerhard, and Mrs. Anna M. Schneder. A brief sketch of the lives of these persons who have entered the larger work of the Master's kingdom will be in place in this history and will be of interest to its readers.

We hope the example set by these members of St. Stephen's will be an incentive to other young men and women of our congregation to enter upon these high and holy callings.

#### REV. HENRY Y. STONER.

Rev. Henry Y. Stoner, son of George and Katharine (Young) Stoner, was born at Stonersville, Pa., August 7, 1859. His mother was of Swiss ancestry.

He received his educational training in the public schools of his native village, Birdsboro

Academy, Kallynean Academy at Boyertown, Pa., and in private schools in New York and Philadelphia.

He was thrown on his own resources when eleven years of age. He entered the nail factory of the E. and G. Brooke Iron Company at Birdsboro, Pa., and labored there until he was fifteen years of age. He began to attend various private schools, working on the farm and the Perkiomen Turnpike during the summer seasons.

He became a member of the Schwarzwald Reformed Church by confirmation in 1871 under Rev. Aaron S. Leinbach, D. D. He worked in the Sunday schools in Baumstown and Philadelphia, and served as deacon in the Reformed Church at Birdsboro, Pa.

He taught public school for three years, taught one year in Gregory's Commercial College, Newark, N. J., and seven years in the Bryant and Stratton Business College, Philadelphia, Pa.

He founded the Inter-State Commercial College in Reading, July 1, 1885. Removing to Reading in April, 1886, he became a member of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, where he



was active in Sunday school work, and was an elder of the congregation from January 5, 1887, to June 9, 1890, serving as secretary of the consistory from February 7, 1887, to June 9, 1890.

He began to prepare for the Christian ministry in 1887 under the direction of the faculty of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster, Pa., with Rev. C. S. Gerhard and Rev. Rufus W. Miller as private instructors. He was examined and licensed by Schuylkill Classis at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., in 1890.

He began preaching at Riverside (now Olivet Reformed Church) in February, 1890, and in April of the same year at St. Mark's Reformed Church. Both of these stations had only Sunday schools at the time. During 1890 congregations were organized, and in 1891 churches were erected. In 1893 the building at St. Mark's was enlarged. Several years thereafter St. Mark's and Olivet were each constituted a separate charge, and Rev. Mr. Stoner retained St. Mark's. Neither of these congregations ever received any support from the Board of Home Missions. The ground of St. Mark's was paid entirely by the First Reformed



Church, Rev. H. Mosser, D. D., pastor, while Mrs. D. R. Althouse and her children donated the ground for Olivet.

After laboring faithfully as pastor of St. Mark's for about eight years, giving promise of great usefulness in the Master's work, he was compelled to resign in 1898 on account of acute stomach troubles.

He has continued as principal of the Inter-State Commercial College, and has succeeded in making it one of the best and most efficient colleges of this kind in the state.

Mr. Stoner was united in holy matrimony with Mary C. Fritz, of Baumstown, Pa. They have three daughters and one son.

Although not now in the active pastorate, Rev. Mr. Stoner is frequently called upon to preach and to deliver addresses in the churches and Sunday schools of the city and surrounding districts. He was elected President of Reading Classis in 1898, and served as treasurer of Reading Classis from 1906 to 1909. He removed to Wyomissing, where he organized a Sunday school, of which he has been Superintendent ever since, and was the leading spirit in organizing a Reformed congregation at Wyomissing.

He contributed several articles on sociological subjects to the "Reformed Church Review."

REV. ANDREW H. SMITH.

Rev. Andrew Hoffa Smith, eldest child of Charles J. and Sarah A. (Hoffa) Smith, was born about a mile north of Womelsdorf, Pa., October 2, 1865.

His parents were born and raised in and near Womelsdorf, Pa. His ancestors were of German, Dutch and French descent.

In the spring of 1871 the family removed to Reading, where he attended the public schools, going as far as the Grammar grade. He then spent several years on his grandfather's farm, attending school in Marion township and the High School in Womelsdorf.

After his fourteenth birthday he secured employment with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company in its car shops as an apprentice to learn the trade of upholstering. He soon mastered the trade and became one of the most efficient workers in the department. He worked for a time in the bakery of Klein and Smith, but after becoming of age he returned to his favorite trade, working in a prom-

inent furniture house on Penn street in Reading.

Under the influence of Mr. M. J. Coller he became identified with Emanuel's Sunday School, taking charge of the music, which he led with his favorite instrument, the clarionet. He had been catechized and confirmed in St. Luke's Lutheran Church by Rev. F. K. Huntzinger, April 15, 1881. After the organization of St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School he was chorister of the Sunday school and later of the congregation.

He heard Rev. C. S. Gerhard preach a sermon in 1887 on the need of more ministers, which brought to an issue a question which had been a burning one with him, and he decided that, if it were possible, he would respond to the call. He spent two years as a special student in Carroll Institute, during which time he was also tutored by Rev. Mr. Gerhard, and entered the Junior class of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster in the fall of 1889. During the second year of his seminary course he became active in the athletic and musical clubs of Franklin and Marshall College. He played on the "Varsity" foot ball team as left guard. He

sang on the college choir, and was a valuable member of the college glee club and orchestra.

During his vacation after the middle year in the seminary, under the direction of the Board of Home Missions, he organized two congregations and Sunday schools at Lykens and Tower City, and revived a third at Irwin, Pa. These congregations were anxious to have him become their pastor after his graduation from the seminary in May, 1892. But he had a call from the South, and, after being examined and licensed by Schuylkill Classis, in Trinity Reformed Church, Pottsville, Pa., went to Newton, North Carolina, where he was to supply Grace Church for two months with the view of becoming their pastor. He entered upon his work with his characteristic vim, but in three weeks he was prostrated with typhoid fever. After having sufficiently recovered he went home to convalesce, but the long trip during the heat of August brought on a relapse that was worse than the original sickness. In the mean time Grace congregation sent him a unanimous call to become their pastor, which was accepted. He was ordained and installed on Sunday, October 9, 1892.



Rev. Mr. Smith married Miss Katie S. Shultz in St. Stephen's Reformed Church at Reading, September 21, 1893, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. S. Gerhard. They occupied the new parsonage which had been built by the congregation at Newton, N. C. During his pastorate of five years at this place the belfry on the new church was completed, a bell installed and the debt of the congregation reduced to \$90.00. Among his members were members of the faculty and students of Catawba College, some of the latter of whom were influenced by Rev. Mr. Smith to enter the Christian ministry, taking their theological course at Lancaster, Pa.

In 1897 he accepted a call to become pastor of the First Reformed Church at McKeesport, Pa., which became self-sustaining after he had been pastor for only seven months. His work here was very promising, but while preparations were in progress to sell the old church property and to build a new church at a more favorable location, Rev. Mr. Smith received a call from the Harrisville charge in Virginia, which, after due consideration, he decided to accept. His people were loath to see him leave and passed



flattering resolutions on the work he had done among them.

He removed to Tom's Brook, Virginia, where he now resides, having served that charge for more than six years. His people built him a parsonage and increased his salary, which are marks of the esteem in which he is held by them.

Mr. Smith has served as President of North Carolina and Virginia Classes, has for years been a member of the Board of Trustees of Massanutten Academy, and is a member of the Board's executive and building committees.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: Elsie Virginia, born at Newton, N. C., June 27, 1894; Sidney Shultz and Charles Nevin, both born at McKeesport, Pa., respectively on July 27, 1898, and October 4, 1900.

#### REV. GLASE GERHARD.

Rev. Glase Gerhard, eldest son of Rev. Calvin Seibert Gerhard, D. D., and Emma Elizabeth Gerhard (nee Glase), was born on July 17, 1872, at Sunbury, Pa.

He attended the public schools at Sunbury, Pa., at Columbia, Pa., and at Reading, Pa. He

was graduated with merit at the Reading High School in 1890, delivering the Latin oration.

He was confirmed by his father at St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., April 23, 1886, and was active in the work of the church, the Sunday school and the Young People's Society. He joined the Young Men's Christian Association when a boy, and became much interested in its work.

He entered the Sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College in the fall of 1890, and was graduated in 1893. During his college days he took an active part in the college life with all its diversified interests. He was a member of the Goethean Literary Society, served as one of its officers, delivered the salutatory at its fifty-seventh anniversary and an oration at the fifty-eighth anniversary. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was a great lover of music, and was himself an accomplished pianist. While at college he was a member of the Franklin and Marshall Glee Club. He was much interested in athletics, served as a substitute on the "Varsity" foot ball team, and during his Senior year managed the foot ball club. He was on the editorial staff of

the "Oriflamme," and for three years was editor-in-chief of the "F. and M. Weekly."

After a year of post-graduate study at Harvard University he entered the Lancaster Theological Seminary, graduating in 1897. He received his first call in May, 1897, to the Hummelstown charge. Here he spent a year and a half among friends and associations, the memory of which he always most dearly cherished. In the fall of 1898 he accepted a call to St. John's Reformed Church, Philadelphia. He entered upon his work there with his accustomed enthusiasm, and was untiring in his efforts to promote in every way the cause to which he had consecrated himself. But his pastorate at St. John's was to be a short one—a year and a half. During this time there were received into the church 106 new members, and a Haskell pipe organ was installed.

He added to the burdensome duties of a city charge the editing of the "Reformed Church Messenger" during the six months' illness of the editor. Always an enthusiastic and indefatigable worker, he multiplied his labors beyond what even his robust health could bear. But his reward was great. He continued to

grow into the larger life that comes to those who bind to themselves with the everlasting bands of mutual love and confidence and service all whom they touch. He made a brave fight against death—life was so sweet to him—but in vain. He was destined to live in the hearts of those whom he loved so dearly. The end came on July 22, 1901.

We quote the following paragraphs from an article contributed to the "Reformed Church Record" by Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., shortly after the young minister's home-going:

"The departure of Rev. Glase Gerhard a few weeks ago is still fresh in the minds of his many friends. Rarely does a Christian life begin under more favorable auspices. He stepped into being in a parsonage. Given to God in early infancy, nurtured in the bosom of a home rich in love and a spiritual atmosphere, from a little child a deeply interested member of his father's Sunday school, at eight years of age he seemed to have a vision, not unlike that of Samuel of old. It must have come to him in the night season, too. For early one morning, while his father was still in bed, he stealthily approached him and whispered into his ear the great revelation, 'Papa, I am going to be a minister.'

"Thenceforth he grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man, an obedient son, a kind and affectionate brother, making the utmost possible improvement of his school, college and seminary opportunities. Meanwhile a genuine boy and youth, full of natural vigor, fond of play and sport, a leader in athletics, which helped



him to develop a splendid physique, yet all the while an active, whole-souled Christian in all his habits and influence, a nature in some points not unlike that of the late Henry Drummond. He never sowed "his wild oats." A bright, buoyant, magnetic nature, whose kindly heart made him hosts of friends. His conscientiousness was one of his most conspicuous characteristics, said one of his young friends. In all his relations in life, social, athletic, literary and ministerial, he heeded the voice of conscience.

"The three years of his ministry were a phenomenal success. For his years his pulpit ministrations produced marked impressions. His open sunny disposition and sympathetic heart peculiarly made him a blessing in social circles no less than in homes of sorrow. By nature and by grace he was a soul-winning shepherd. Worldlings whom others failed to impress he won for Christ. He was a seeker of the lost. No difficulties could deter or discourage him. Among the sweetest joys of his ministry were the far-away wanderers whom he brought into the fold.

"His short life was exceptionally happy. He was happy in his work and bore his affliction with cheerful, patient hope. This meant much. He had great expectations for useful service. Life was sweet and much to be desired, because it was lived in Christ and for the saving of other lives. With such fiery, chivalric devotion in a young minister, men and angels are in admiring sympathy. In heaven above and on the earth beneath there is great joy over souls that are saved, and over those that serve and suffer to save them.

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"Our departed brother meant it kindly when he consented to relieve the afflicted editor of the 'Reformed Church Messenger' for six months. As acting editor his extensive reading and literary taste were noticeable in every issue. Some of his friends date his declining health



from this double burden. How from this time he bravely battled for life has been already reported.

“The text which he selected for his funeral seems to be an epitome of his faith. Through it he gives his parting counsel and blessing to his family and friends. ‘I know whom I have believed.’ His future is secure.”

### MRS. ANNA M. SCHNEDER.

Mrs. Anna Margaret Schneder, daughter of J. Frederick and Margaret (Rasp) Schoenberger, was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa., on January 12, 1868.

She was educated in the public schools of Marietta and in Mercersburg College.

She was confirmed in the Marietta Reformed Church by her future husband, Rev. D. B. Schneder, on April 11, 1884.

She became a member of St. Stephen's Reformed Church on May 29, 1887, where she taught in the Sunday school.

She was married to Rev. D. B. Schneder, in St. Stephen's Reformed Church, on October 10, 1887, by Rev. C. S. Gerhard, assisted by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, and Rev. Ambrose Gring, then missionary to Japan. Mr. Schneder was betrothed to Miss Schoenberger before his appointment as a missionary to Japan. When elected a missionary, he asked her whether she

would accompany him to the foreign field. When she consented, they arranged to be married shortly before the time set for their departure for Japan. They left for their far-off field of labor in November, 1887.

Mrs. Schneder has been a useful helpmeet to her husband in his noble work. She has done a great deal for the Japanese people and for the success of our mission there. While at home on furlough from August, 1896, to April, 1898, she raised a large portion of the funds needed for the erection of the Nibancho Church, and she has been very active in the congregation and Sunday school of that church.

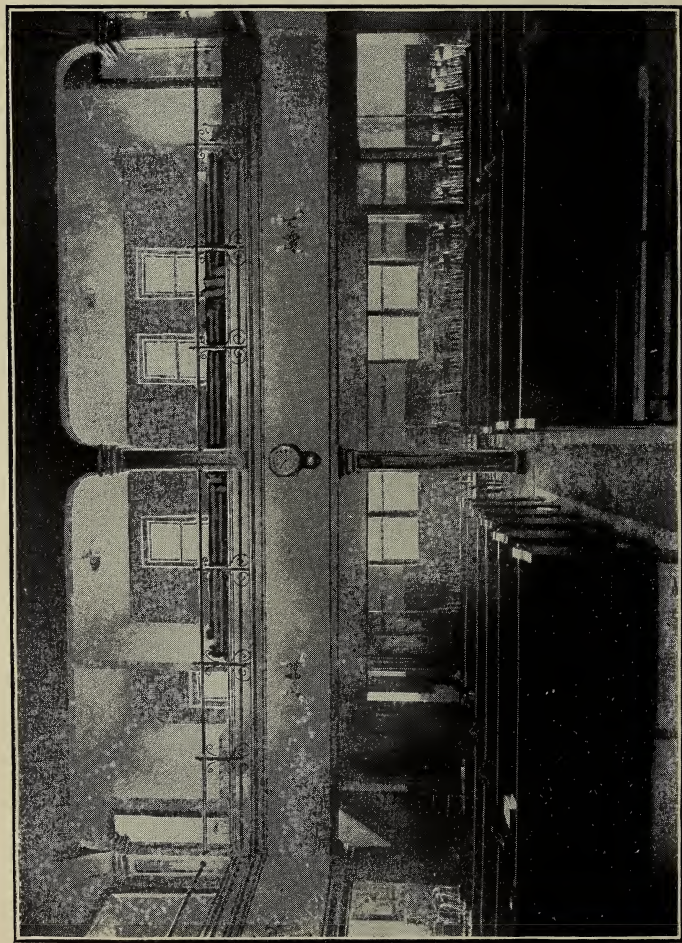
Mrs. Schneder was at home on her second furlough from April, 1905, to February, 1908, when she did a great deal for the cause of foreign missions throughout the Church in this country.

At the present time she has Bible classes at her home three evenings in the week, does a great deal of individual work among the ladies of the city, is active in the work of the Boys' School, often entertaining the boys at her home, and goes quite frequently into the country on evangelistic trips. During the war she spent

much time doing evangelistic work among the soldiers in the hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Schneder have three daughters, all of whom were born in Japan: Mary Elizabeth, born March 15, 1890; Anna Margaret, born July 4, 1892; and Clara Katharine, born April 11, 1899. The oldest two were confirmed in St. Stephen's Reformed Church on April 13, 1906, by Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, and are pursuing a course of study in the Woman's College, Frederick, Md. The youngest daughter returned with her mother to Japan in 1908.





THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM.



## CHAPTER XV

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



T. STEPHEN'S Reformed Sunday School was organized December 23, 1883. As already stated,\* it was a continuation of Emanuel's Reformed Mission Sunday School, which was organized April 22, 1866,† and to which a brief reference is made elsewhere.‡ It will be of interest to quote the first Article of the Constitution, which is as follows :

“This Sunday School shall be called ‘Emanuel’s Reformed Mission Sunday School’ of Reading, the object of which shall be the dissemination of religious knowledge, the inculcation of moral precepts and duties, and the employment of such means as will, under the blessings of God, secure finally the salvation of the children.”

The original officers of Emanuel’s Sunday School were John B. Bowman, superintendent ; William Heidenreich, assistant superintendent ;

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† The date of organization on page 17 (1864) is incorrect. When that chapter was written, the original records of Emanuel’s Sunday School had not been found, and we followed the date given in Mr. Daniel Miller’s “History of the Reformed Church in Reading, Pa.” Since then the records have been found, and the above is the date of organization as there given.

‡ Pages 17-26.

William Heidenreich, secretary; Martin Goodhart, treasurer; Isaac Ritter, librarian; B. F. Frey, W. R. Henninger and N. C. Henninger, assistant librarians.

The minutes of Emanuel's Reformed Mission Sunday School were faithfully kept from its organization, April 22, 1866, to April 1, 1875, after which there is no record until December 31, 1879, when it is called St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Mission Sunday School, and bears that name to the time of its transfer in 1883, when it became St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School.

As stated before,\* the Reformed Sunday School Association of Reading appointed a committee, September 14, 1879, to present a plan for reaching the neglected children of the city. The committee reported September 17, 1879, as follows:

The committee appointed by the Reformed Sunday School Association, September 14, 1879, to present a plan or system as to the best way to reach the neglected children of our city, beg leave to make the following report:

*First.* We recommend that the city be divided into four districts, northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest, and that Penn street and Seventh street be the dividing lines.

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*Second.* That the First Church have jurisdiction over the northwestern or Ricktown district. That the Second Church have jurisdiction over St. Paul's Mission School and the southwestern district. That St. Paul's Memorial Church have jurisdiction over Emanuel's Mission School and the northeastern district; and that St. John's Church have jurisdiction over the southeastern district.

*Third.* That the several church schools shall not be restricted by the above mentioned limits from claiming those members and scholars who prefer their school, or who naturally belong to them, who live beyond the described limits.

*Fourth.* That each of the four church schools be requested to appoint a standing canvassing committee, to consist of twelve or more faithful persons, to canvas their respective districts for neglected children, the work to be divided systematically among the members of the committees in blocks or streets. And that each member keep a correct and careful account of the number of Reformed and neglected children in their district called upon, their names and residences, where they belong or attend, and the number brought into their schools. The chairman of each committee to make a report annually, which should be embodied in the Superintendent's annual report to the association.

*Fifth.* That each committee in their organization be prepared, as far as possible, to meet the wants of needy and worthy families, in the shape of clothing for their children who are in this particular debarred from attending Sunday school. The committee, however, recommend from experience that a careful discrimination in the distribution of clothing be made, so as not to encourage any but those who are really worthy and needy.

*Sixth.* In order to begin the work, the committee would suggest the following plan: That each church school hold, at as early a date as possible, a joint meeting

of their teachers and larger scholars, together with the officers, teachers and larger scholars of their mission school, and acquaint them with the nature of the work, and organize.

*Seventh.* That if either of the churches have not sufficient help to carry on their mission work, they should call upon the other churches through the association.

The last minutes of St. Paul's Reformed Mission Sunday School were recorded March 31, 1883, showing that the enrollment of the school at that time was 105 members, 10 officers and teachers and 95 scholars, with an average attendance of 50.

The first home of Emanuel's Sunday School was the old one-story school house on the northwest corner of Tenth and Washington streets. Later it occupied a small frame chapel on Tenth street, between Washington and Walnut streets. When this chapel was sold, the Sunday school was removed to the public school building on Tenth street, between Washington and Walnut streets, where it continued until it was transferred to the new church building at Ninth and Greenwich streets, where it was re-organized, December 23, 1883, as St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School.

It was a memorable day when the sixty charter members of St. Stephen's Reformed



Sunday School marched to the new home of the school, headed by Rev. C. S. Gerhard, Superintendent T. D. Bausher, Milton J. Collier and Andrew H. Smith. The record of the charter members has not been preserved and can therefore not be published. They are, however, included in the following list of members taken from the record of January 6, 1884, numbering 104:

Pastor, C. S. Gerhard; Superintendent, T. D. Bausher; Assistant Superintendent, Daniel S. Klein; Secretaries, Andrew H. Smith and A. C. Brossman; Financial Secretary, Roger Moyer; Treasurer, John Hain; Librarians, Milton J. Collier and Edward C. Gerhard; Directoress, Mrs. C. S. Gerhard; Organist, Miss Sallie Westley.

Class No. 1, Miss Mamie McGuigan, teacher.—Samuel Hawk, Henry Rhoeder, John Gerhart, Henry Boone, Jacob Snyder, George Dietrich, William Kinch.

Class No. 2, Mrs. M. Jennie Hertz, teacher.—Wilson Klein, Calvin Klein, C. W. Wanner, G. A. Ruth, Glase Gerhard.

Class No. 3, Mrs. J. L. Gerhard, teacher.—William Gaubry, Zach. Klein, Edward Klein, William Lerch, Adam Schlottman.

Class No. 4, Miss Sue Bucher, teacher.—John Marks.

Class No. 5, Sallie Westley, teacher.—Tracy Fleckner, Cassie Fleckner, Lizzie Ray, Rosa Schmeck, Ella McNeal, Annie Coney, Sallie Bensinger.

Class No. 6, Mrs. Sollenberger, teacher.—Emma Lerch, Annie Klein, Clara Smith.

Class No. 7, Mrs. J. K. Bickel, teacher.—Ella Bucher, Katie Wanner, Lizzie Wanner, Eva Guest, Lizzie Kinch.



Class No. 8, Mrs. E. E. Gerhard, teacher.—Mary Bucher, Annie Bucher, Minnie Schaeffer, Nettie Hungerford.

Class No. 9, Miss Levina Sassaman, teacher.—Bertie Boone, Daisy Reifsnnyder, Annie Dietrich, Sallie Kline.

Class No. 10, Mary Roth, teacher.—Sadie Heilman, Dora Reitnour, Laura Boone, Grace Boone.

Class No. 11, Mrs. Hawk, teacher.—Emma Hafer, Lillie Price.

Primary Department, T. D. Bausher, teacher.—Lillie Rocktashel, Gertie Miller, Jennie Collier, Gertie Collier, Anna Gaubry, Clara Dietrich, Mary Rice, Laura Lerch, Bessie Porr, Maggie Palm, Sadie Keller, Emma Rhoads, Gertrude Kalbach, Bessie Shollenberger, May Wentzel, Christie Rhoads, Gertie Woodworth, Luther Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Harry Jackson, Joseph Woodworth, Elmer Woodworth, Eddie Woodworth, Howard Miller, Harry Lerch, Charles Gerhard, Eddie Smith, George Marks, David Zillhart, Thomas Zillhart, Daniel Rhoads, Andrew Keller, Israel Rotshorn, Howard Marks, George Sheetz, Edward Sheetz, Andrew Noll.

The records were very poorly kept in the early history of St. Stephen's Reformed Sunday School, so that, even if desirable, it is impossible to give a connected story of its progress. On the first anniversary the membership of the school was 286, an increase of 226 during the year. It continued to grow steadily, so that when the tenth anniversary was celebrated the membership was 627.

On December 25, 1897, the membership was 738. The building that had been occupied for fourteen years was now known as "the old

brick building" and was soon to give place to a new and more modern church structure and Sunday school chapel. The last Sunday school session in the old building was held on April 10, 1898, with an attendance of 574. The senior portion of the school held its sessions in the P. & R. Y. M. C. A. building, west of Eighth street, under the direction of the pastor, Dr. C. S. Gerhard. The younger portion of the school, under the direction of the Superintendent, Mr. T. D. Bausher, held its sessions in the Tenth street public school building. On the afternoon of December 4, 1898, both divisions of the school met at Ninth and Green streets and marched out to take possession of the new Sunday school chapel, which was nearing completion. At this time the total membership of the school was 761.

At the eighteenth anniversary of the Sunday school, March 16, 1902, the last one before the departure of the pastor, Dr. C. S. Gerhard, the membership of the school was 860. On December 25, 1902, the membership was 887. On December 25, 1908, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Sunday school, the membership was almost 1300, having reached a

membership of 1262 when the pastor's report was made to the Reading Classis, May 5, 1908.

The first Superintendent of St. Stephen's Sunday School was Thomas D. Bausher, and he served in that capacity without interruption for nineteen years. He was very faithful in his attendance upon the sessions of the school and often aided the school in a material way. On January 11, 1903, Dr. W. D. DeLong was elected and has been the efficient Superintendent of the school ever since. He has been honored by the Reformed Sunday School Superintendent's Association in being elected its president, and has taken an active part in the Sunday school movements of the city.

The Sunday school has had several Assistant Superintendents. Daniel S. Klein served from 1883 to 1887 and from 1891 to 1895. H. Y. Stoner held the office from 1888 to 1890. From 1895 to 1903 the records are lost. A. J. Shartle has been the incumbent of the office since 1903.

Milton J. Coller was Librarian from the organization of the school for a period of almost twenty-one years, until November 6, 1904, when he resigned from the office, and was made Librarian Emeritus for life. William J. Lowe

was elected his successor and he has held the office since. These two Librarians have had numerous assistants, which cannot be given here because of the incompleteness of the records.

In the record of 1884, Andrew H. Smith and A. C. Brossman are mentioned as Secretaries, while in another record of the same period Mr. Smith is given as Assistant Librarian. From 1887 to 1891, Adam A. Ludwig served as Secretary. William Miller is mentioned in 1892 and a part of 1893. After that the record is confused, and a whole record book lost. Since January, 1903, the records have been carefully kept. During that year William K. Bridegam served as Recording and Financial Secretary. Since January, 1904, Mr. Bridegam has filled the office of Financial Secretary and John D. Heck that of Recording Secretary, both of them having two assistants since 1906, because of the large amount of work required to keep accurate records of so large a school.

The first Treasurer of the school was John Hain, in 1884, after which no mention is made of a Treasurer until 1888, when the office was held by R. R. Snyder, and was succeeded in



1891 by Edwin F. Feather. Mr. Feather held the office also from 1903 to 1906, when he declined to serve any longer and was succeeded by Thomas Z. Bright, who held the office for one year. Since the beginning of 1907 John Herbein has been the Treasurer of the school.

Miss Sallie Westley was the first organist of the Sunday school, serving in that capacity from 1883 to 1887. In 1888 Glase Gerhard was elected and presided at the organ until the fall of 1890, when he was succeeded by J. Wilson Klein, who has filled the position ever since. Miss Ella Bickel served for a number of years as pianist of the Sunday school, and for the past few years Miss Marian Klein has presided at the piano. Andrew H. Smith was chorister of the Sunday school from 1887 to 1889. In 1890 J. Wilson Klein assumed the duties of that office in connection with those of organist.

There is such confusion and incompleteness in the records of the heads of the various departments and of the teachers of the classes of the Sunday school as to make impracticable any attempt to take account of them. We regret this very much, because it would be interesting



to know who have been the faithful workers in our Sunday school.

The minutes from January, 1903, to the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary make interesting reading, but it would unduly lengthen this chapter to give a detailed account of all the activities of these years.

On February 8, 1903, a committee of five was appointed to act in conjunction with the pastor in revising the constitution of the Sunday school. This committee presented its report at the meeting held December 13, 1903. The report was carefully considered at several regular and special meetings of the Teachers' Association, and was finally adopted, with slight modifications, on April 10, 1904, being one of the best Sunday school constitutions that can be found.

A number of material improvements have been made in different parts of the Sunday school chapel, adding to the comfort of both teachers and pupils and rendering our plant more valuable and better equipped for Sunday school work. Some of these improvements are mentioned elsewhere.\*

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\* Pages 152, 153, 177, 178, 179.

The Sunday school was thoroughly graded, so as to include all the departments found in an up-to-date Sunday school. Modern methods have been introduced, teacher training classes have been conducted, the adult classes have been organized, and the way has been prepared for the introduction of the graded lesson system.

The Sunday school has raised large sums of money for its own use, for the church debt, and for benevolence. It is to be much regretted that the incompleteness of the records make it impossible to know the total amount of money that has been raised during these twenty-five years. The large Easter offerings which have been given during the past ten years have been a notable feature of the financial work of the school. The Sunday school pledged \$200 in memory of Dr. C. S. Gerhard, toward the Reformed Church Building in Philadelphia.

While we rejoice in the progress that has been made and in the work that God has enabled us to accomplish, we realize that there is still much room for improvement until our Sunday school shall be what, under God, it is possible for us to make it. Let us take courage and reconsecrate ourselves to the work, so

that, as officers, teachers and scholars, we may do our best to make St. Stephen's one of the foremost Sunday schools in our denomination.

The following is a complete list of the officers, teachers and scholars of the Sunday school at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary, March 16, 1909:

OFFICERS.—Pastor, Rev. T. W. Dickert; Superintendent, Dr. W. D. DeLong; Assistant Superintendent, A. J. Shartle; Recording Secretary, John D. Heck; Financial Secretary, William K. Bridegam; Treasurer, John Herbein; Librarian, W. J. Lowe; Assistant Recording Secretaries, Rayman Reeser, J. Grim Derr; Assistant Financial Secretaries, John Hiester, Lawrence Bright; Birthday Secretary, Miss Virgie M. Evans; Assistant Librarians, Henry Folmer, Ralph Tragle, Charles Frederick, Harry F. Sonen; Chorister, J. Wilson Klein; Pianist, Marian Klein.

CRADLE ROLL.—Emma Lewis, Superintendent; Mrs. Lucy E. Hughes, Assistant Superintendent; Carrie Kantner, Secretary; Ida Himmelreich, Treasurer; Viola Eva Nagle, Florence E. Carpenter, Anna Mildred Eckel, Helen Elnora Focht, Alfred Earl Barto, Erma Adaline Shaak, Florence Marguerite Keener, Raymond Luther Adams, Emma L. Hinnershitz, Blanche Catharine Gift, Annie M. Umbenhauer, Daniel Mervin Cooper, Ethel Elizabeth Bruder, Ethel Violet McDowell, George Webster Gregory, Ethel Irene Kreider, Ruth Anna Getrost, Harold Milton Frederick, Blanche Lillian Ludwig, Evelyn Catharine Ruth, Varnum Hayes Fenstermacher, Edward William Fishel, Claude Calvin Geist, Grace May Moyer, Anna Kathryn Mengel, Mary Sallie Teter, Geo. Gordon Rothenberger Stitzer, Clyde William Gabel, Sarah Marie Eckel, Stew-

art Elmer Firestone, George Irvin Siegfried, Ralph Leroy Marshall, William Lester Sowers, George Clayton Gring, Kathryn May Miller, Dorothy Elizabeth Deisher, Stanley Vincent Printz, Arthur Ellsworth Reinhart, Dorothy May Hiller, Charles Walter Neiman, Valeria Alice Buck, Ella May Kline, Russell Ellsworth Ocksrider, John Stewart Wineland, Miriam Alice Weyandt, Beatrice Ada Hersch, Ellen Louisa Reinhart, John Henry Billmeyer, William Russell Bruder, Ludwig John Heck, Theodore Edmund Becker, Ruth Catharine Grube, John Napoleon Batdorf, Ralph Herbert Feick, Lloyd Russell Miller, Paul Miller Brunner, Martha Isabel Dickert, Clifford Stanley Helt, Violet Esther Huber, Miriam Snader Fassnacht, Arthur Cyrus Moyer, Marian Schaeffer, Erma Gertrude Stichler, Naomi Schaeffer, Stanley Beven Waid, Mildred Marie Kercher, Myrtle Esther Fegley, Mary Magdalene Fegley, Isabel Karleen Deppen, Madeline Levina Fry, George Frederick Detthof, Kathryn Fessler Sheetz, Ruth Catharine McDowell, Robert Winfield Noll, Emma Margaret Ream, Earnest Gideon Stump, Oscar A. Bankes, Miles Milton Schlappig, Claude Edward Hinnershitz, Harold David Hill, Marguerite Adeline Caroline Redcay, Catharine Louisa Batz, Miriam Emes Sassaman, Stewart Brooke Eckel, Robert Nathan Saylor, Frances Elizabeth Schaeffer, Ruth Hill Koch, Paul Washington Lerch, Harold William Encke, Catharine Ellen Roth, Paul Ritter Ketterer, Kenneth Robert Koch, Otto Theodore Hanf, Kathryn Elizabeth Gottschall, Ethel Catharine Lewis, Madeline Elizabeth Wanner, Wilmert Daniel Evans, David John Lowe, Helen Ruth Dunkelberger, Pauline Erma Klein, Harry Preston Tyack, Florence Adams Daugherty, Kathryn Anna Helwig, Dorothy Lilian Huber, Ella Margarette Kline, Eugene Samuel Gehret, Catharine Viola Carl, George Harold Hurst, Fern Ethel Drexel, Boyd Clarence Herman Botz, Lillia May Adams, Florence Lucilla Dunavan, Mildred Lulie Marshall, Phoebe Louisa



Bliesath, George Leslie Buck, Edna Floy Herflicker, Clara Emily May, Margaret May Shalter, Mary Rebecca Brunner, Alice Florence Burley, Charles Franklin Hunsicker, Miriam Arabella Hertz, Irvin Leroy Hiller, Paul William Reimert, Mildred Ruth Mabry, Donald Lance Potteiger, Ralph Adam Moyer, William Monroe Miller, Paul Wellington Mengel, Ruth Elmira Clark, Ida Katharine Hartnett, Harry Charles Nagle, Delilah May Pauley, Irene Mabel Smith, Charles Gehret Deppen, Emily Viola Trumbore, Kathryn Caroline Young, Joseph Walter Haring, Mary Jeanetta Westley, John Potteiger Clouser, Margaret May Haag, Charles Davies Getrost, May High Eckel, Leah Mildred Kepner, Pearl Catharine Gift, Grace Elizabeth Hiller, Fern Free Landis, Edmund William Albright.

BEGINNERS' DEPARTMENT. — Superintendent, Lillian Peter; Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Mabel Hagy, Sadie Evans; Secretary, Mrs. Stella Bates; Helpers, Mrs. Lizzie Wanner, Hattie Lewis, Mrs. Rena Reinhart, Mrs. Kate Levan, Laura Sheetz, Mrs. Bessie Ketterer, Mrs. Lorena Dankle, Mrs. Herbert Schaeffer, Mrs. H. A. Feather, Mrs. Bessie Leader, Mrs. Mazie Kniss, Mrs. Ida Brumbach, Mrs. J. M. Stoudt, Mrs. Inez Stump, Mrs. H. G. Neider, Mrs. Sue Bewley, Mrs. Annie Umbenhower, Mrs. Hermina Rhoads, Mrs. Helen Dunavan, Mrs. Edwin Fox; Raymond Adams, Cleon Althouse, Hilda Brown, Linwood Brown, Helen Brown, John Barto, Ralph Barto, Harry Bair, Wallace Brumbach, Frances Brumbach, Herman Bates, Mildred Bates, Katie Bagenstose, Dorothy Bewley, Catharine Clauser, Ruth Clauser, Dorothy Coxe, Marguerite Davis, Charles Davis, Donald Deppen, Elsie Deisher, Margaret Dunkelberger, Warren Dankle, Mildred Detthof, Dorothy Derr, Grace DeLong, Florence Dunavan, Bruce Faust, Edwin Feather, Leroy Fegley, Bertha Frederick, Dorothy Fry, Emma Focht, Fern Fisher, May Fleisher, Lester Focht, Elsie Fox, Ruth Fox, Russell



Gauker, Elinor Gehret, Jeannetta Gittelman, Loretta Gittelman, Hazel Gettis, Clinton Gettis, Lillian Greenwald, Della Hohl, LeRoy Haag, Irene Haag, Florence Haring, Ruth Heck, Bessie Haas, Catharine Hinnershitz, Paul Hiller, Charles Horn, Thelma Jones, William Keffer, Walter Kercher, Beatrice Kercher, Dorothy Kniss, Margaret Klein, Miriam Klein, Ruth Kantner, Esther Kline-spehn, Isabel Kieffer, Elmira Kepner, Randolph Koch, Paul Lerch, Albert Leader, Catharine Levan, Ruth McKently, Russell Moll, Adeline Miller, John Moyer, Minnie Mull, John Mull, Henrietta Machemer, Dorothy Marshall, Catharine Neider, Harold Neiman, Florence Nagle, Wilson Noll, Charles Ocksreider, Harry Owens, Henry Printz, Anna Reichert, Grace Romig, Robert Romig, Elmer Richardson, Percy Roth, Edna Roth, Elizabeth Rapp, John Rothermel, Russell Stapp, Russell Schaeffer, Martha Schaeffer, Anna Schaeffer, Joseph Seyfert, Dorothy Seyfert, Alice Sheetz, Fern Stump, Lillie Sowers, Beatrice Smith, Sarah Saylor, Esther Stoudt, George Stubblebine, Katharine Sehl, Olive Weiderhold, Jeannette Wanner, Warren Walker, Reginald Woodward, Earle Wagner, Marion Weidner, Margaret Zell.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.—Superintendent, Mrs. Sue H. Seaman; Assistant Superintendents, Mrs. Anna Ocks-rider and William H. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. Amanda Kinch; Assistant Secretary, Mr. E. C. Bates; Organist, Miss Helen Klein.

Class No. 1, Mrs. Amanda Herbein, teacher.—Russell Mull, Russell Reinhart, Lloyd Enoch, Paul Clauser, Donald Wanner, Walter Loy, Edward Jones, John Umben-hower.

Class No. 2, Mrs. Sallie Brumbach, teacher.—Ralph East, Paul Noll, Paul Kalbach, Harold Kistler, John Sowers, Earl Ocksrider, Russell Lichthenthaeler, Edward Gottschall, Ralph Sell.

Class No. 3, Mrs. Allen McKentley, teacher.—John Brumbach, Robert Long, Paul S. Mogul, Warren Bridgman, Harold Smith, Norman Hummel.

Class No. 4, Miss Naomi Bright, teacher. — Pierce Stump, George Maltzberger, Arthur Lerch, Lester Fleming, Edwin Haas, Daniel Heyberger, J. William Jost, Paul Guaker.

Class No. 5, Mrs. Annie Clauser, teacher. — Harold Schaeffer, Howard Gift, Walter Groff, Arlington Hoffert, Clement Marsteller, Earnest DeLong, Arthur Haag.

Class No. 6, Seth Brumbach, teacher.—Paul Kercher, Lester Haag, William Hoyer, Clarence Scheider, Frank Heller, James Fegley, Harold Sell.

Class No. 7, Miss Clara Lewis, teacher.—Ralph Kalbach, Earl Enoch, Clayton Hain, Warren Geist, Charles Redcay, Harold Trump.

Class No. 8, Mrs. Florence Hunter, teacher.—Claude Hoch, John Fassnacht, Harry Loy, George Kepner, Charles Kepner.

Class No. 9, John Herbein, teacher.—Harry Klein, William Seibert, Ralph Kleinspehn, George Bishof, John Frill, Scot Hoffmaster, Raymond Moyer.

Class No. 10, Miss Helen Heffner, teacher.—Mabel Nagle, Miriam Ulrich, Martha Romig, Ethel Fry, Mabel Stoudt, Thelma Foster, Florence Murdock.

Class No. 11, Miss Anna Rutter, teacher. — Kathryn Epler, Florence Metzger, Rosa Clouser, Adelaide Turner, Helen Sicher, Stella Mack.

Class No. 12, Miss Catharine Heyberger, teacher.—Florence Naftzinger, Vera Althouse, Mary Dickert, Lulu Hartman, Miriam Pauley, Elinor Geyer, Helen Epler, Martha Spotts.

Class No. 13, Mrs. Alice Fritz, teacher.—Sara Herbine, Catharine Gable, Verna Flemming, Catharine Borrell, Hilda Bowman.

Class No. 14, Mrs. Susan Guldin, teacher.—Ruth Saylor, Dorothy Dethoff, Emma Dunkelberger, Catharine Nagle, Anna Davis, Mabel Gift, Florence Loy, May Jones.

Class No. 15, Mrs. Nona Haag, teacher.—Emily Wilson, Nona Haag, Ingrid Reinert, Clara Oberly, Ella Dankle.

Class No. 16, Mrs. Sallie Baer, teacher.—Leah Moodhart, Catharine Derr, Emma Neiman, Catharine Haag, Lera Richard.

Class No. 17, Miss Vina Haag, teacher.—Sara Boyer, Elsie Walker, Erma Herflicker, Sadie Buck, Emily Baer, Anna Frederick.

Class No. 18, Mrs. Minnie Mooney, teacher.—Annie Herring, Florence Moll, Henrietta Machmer, Erma Davis, Elizabeth Kutz, Ruth Wanner, Edna Neider.

Class No. 19, Miss Frances Linton, teacher.—Elsie Printz, Beulah Hartman, Mazie Rettgers, Katharine Rothermel, Ruth Rothermel, Florence Reinert, Eva Fry, Mary Mull.

Adult Members.—G. B. Kostenbader, Mrs. G. B. Kostenbader, Mrs. Gertie Haag, Mrs. Annie Kistler, Mrs. Ida Mull, Mrs. Dora Merkel.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT. — Superintendent, Samuel P. Faust; Assistant Superintendent, Carrie Sonen.

Class No. 1, Mrs. Vallie G. Lowe, teacher.—Carden DeLong, Robert Moyer, Charles Frill, Paul Hoyer, Lewis Wanner, Edwin Bates, Raymond Bell, Paul Kalbach, Earl Miller, James Marsden.

Class No. 2, Mrs. Catharine Logan, teacher.—Lester Collier, Clarence Stoudt, Raymond Grainger, James Adam, Adam Young, Lester Deppen, Paul Deisher, Stewart Sonen, Lester Sassaman.

Class No. 3, Mrs. Mary Bright, teacher.—Walter Grill, Benjamin Kerschner, Earl Rothermel, Arthur Hiller, Miles Stump, Earl Fidler, Franklin Fleisher.

Class No. 4, Miss Irene Logan, teacher.—Harold Suen-der, Guy Trout, Calvin Booser, Robert Roy, Paul Matten, Christian Malsberger, Kenneth Ormsbee, Earl Stump, Frank Deppen, Paul Mabry, Warren Sanders.

Class No. 5, Mrs. Alice Reifsnnyder, teacher.—Wilson DeLong, Frederick Herbine, Leon Mogel, Isemar Ruttgers, Harry Lantelsberger, Clarence Kercher, Leon Leader, Harold Smith, Earl Smith, Warren Wrentzel, Robert Francis, Irvin Kramer, Wayne Fischer, Carl Sehl.

Class No. 6, Mrs. Nora Keim, teacher.—Lester Brumbach, Arthur Moll, Bryan Erb, George Moyer, Samuel Heffleger, Elton Cleaver, Lawrence Gelsey, Raymond Haag, Wester Wenrich, Samuel Frey, Frederick Garret, Herbert Wenrich.

Class No. 7, Mrs. Mary Schaeffer, teacher.—Annie Fassnacht, Ada Bell, Margaret Heffleger, Helen Baum, Stella Long, Orpha Seyfert, Florence Bell, Irene Hayberger, Lilian Keim, Mildred Bowman, Lillian Brant, Ruth Hamburger, Ruth Deysher, Bertha Bankes, Helen Baer, Rhea Helder.

Class No. 8, Mrs. Sallie Kolb, teacher.—Elsie Dry, Ruth Fegley, Ruth Fick, Ruth Kline, Naomi Printz, Ethel Rettgers, Helen Walker, Mary Moyer, Ethel Ocksreider,

Class No. 9, Mrs. Jennie Hertz, teacher.—Edna Trump, Helen Hoffman, Gladys Mayer, Edna Buck, Anna Bellman, Emily Hill, Myrtle Kline, Grace Seiders, Frances Himmelberger, Laura Wilson.

Class No. 10, Mrs. Anna E. Kline, teacher.—Gertrude Reifsnnyder, Dorah Lorah, Maude Reider, Anna Bagenstose, Ada Fegley, Pauline Bagenstose, Elsie Weyandt, Lullie Reeser, Helen DeLong, Mary Baer, Laura Kleinspehn.

Class No. 11, Mrs. Emma Derr, teacher.—Rhea Drexel, Emma Clouser, Margaret Merkel, Viola Waid, Emma Behlor, Mabel Geist, Florence McKently, Helen Boyer,



Anna Kinch, Margaret Newkirk, Florence Neiman, Lillian Carl, Mabel Angstadt.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.—Superintendent, Frederick Drexel.

Class No. 1, Miss Virgie Evans, teacher.—Edgar Levan, Warren Kostenbader, Bruce Howden, Rollin Mull, Walter Frances, Harry Kramer.

Class No. 2, Mrs. Jennie Smith, teacher.—George Beard, Herbert Richardson, John Deisher, Morris Gift, Paul Shultz, Leroy Boltz, Robert Spayd, Harry Wilson.

Class No. 3, Jerome B. Tompkins, teacher.—Howard Geist, Charles Tompkins, Howard Tompkins, Lloy Lloyd Wanner, Sidney Levengood, Llewellyn Nagle, Earl Rose, James Reed, Paul Grill, George Grill.

Class No. 7, Wilford Schappell, teacher.—Raymond Manmiller, Harvey Rhone, Warren Deeter, Leroy Gaenzle, Paul Helfrich, Elmer Urich, Warren Manmiller, Edward Kepner, Jonathan Thompson, Leroy Scarlet, Harry Mabry, Clarence Scarlet, Lester Althouse, George Heckman, James Stevens, Robert Shappell, Roy Hahn, Harold Kupp.

Class No. 8, Miss Mamie Richardson, teacher.—Clarence Moodhart, Frank Adam, Frank Eckel, Herbert Moll, Chester Matten.

Class No. 9, Miss Maggie Ritter, teacher.—William Ibach, Luther Hohl, Evan Jackson, Clarence Clark, Oscar Doyan, Earl Jackson, Edward Ritter, Leroy Sanders, Raymond Herflicker, Robert Davis, Raymond Hiller.

Class No. 10, Mrs. Lucy Hughes, teacher.—Stanley Saylor, Walter Sonen, Chester Leedy, Leroy Borrell, Paul Hertz, James Knabb, Leroy Ketterer, Grant Hudson.

Class No. 11, Albert Weyandt, teacher.—Charles Haag, William Jacoby, William Thompson, Earl Wanner, Harry Levan, Ralph Gable, Robert Haag, William Haag, George Fick, Leon Kleinspehn, William Redcay, Harry Knetz, Leroy Naftzinger, Celen Weyandt.



Class No. 12, Miss Katie Gift, teacher.—Eva Waid, May Gift, Bessie Eckert, Laurel Eckel, Stella Boltz, Bessie Fegley, Miriam Wanner, Phoebe Waid.

Class No. 13, Mrs. Mary Roth, teacher. — Florence Reinert, Grace Stoudt, Alice Hoffman, Pearl Shappell, Fannie Miller, Pauline Behlor, May Dethoff, Beulah Shearer.

Class No. 14, Miss Ella Bickel, teacher.—Alice Reber, Anna Kurtz, Florence Coller, Helen Davis, Ada DeLong, Stella Moodhart, Gertie Ludwig, Beulah Fegley.

Class No. 15, Mrs. Amy Zell, teacher.—Reba Bradford, Gertie Feather, Helen Klein, Margaret Levan, Edna Kinsey, Edith Walker, Lottie Lingle.

Class No. 16, Mrs. Sarah Shartle, teacher. — Mabel Printz, Mrs. Edith Tobias, Bessie Felix, Eva Baum, Helen Ruth, Edith Levan, Ruth Rightnour.

Class No. 19, Mrs. Anna M. Klein, teacher. — Florence Ibach, Mary Greth, Ethel Robinson, Edith Sassaman, Bertha Griffith, Jennie Horn.

Class No. 20, Miss Deborah Bucks, teacher.—Emma I. Mull, Ora Sticher, Katie Mull, Mamie Lerch, Annie Geist, Mary Lachman, Sarah Gift, Mrs. Vertie Evans, Mrs. Mary Beck, Florence Shade, Carrie Shade.

Class No. 22, Miss Mary Shoenberger, teacher.—Lottie Bausher, Grace George, Florence Haag, Miriam Coller, Bella Lance, Clara Brunner, Annie Deisher, Mary Kantner, Ruth Miller.

Class No. 23, Miss Sallie Klein, teacher.—Nora Evans, Edith Nissly, Carrie Stump, Maggie Snovel, Maude Cramp, Maggie Kennedy.

Class No. 24, Miss Hattie Millard, teacher.—Katie Boltz, Florence Biehl, Florence Kline, Ollie Geyer, Mary Tompkins.

Class No. 25, Miss Mary Stoner, teacher.—Edna Dunkelberger, Pauline King, Bessie Ketterer, Olive Ream, Mabel Klick, Eva Heckman.

Class No. 26, Miss Mary Reber, teacher. — Charlotte Nuss, Mrs. Annie Barto, Lizzie Mease, Sadie Himmelberger, Mrs. Anna P. Barto, Annie Miller.

Class No. 28, Mrs. Alice Winkelman, teacher. — Ida Titlow, Mary Lewis, Mrs. Emma Schlappig, Mrs. Lottie Teter, Agnes Miller, Mrs. Helen Reinert, Mabel Kinch.

Class No. 29, Miss Edith Lance, teacher. — Mrs. Anna Rothermel, Jennie Schmeck, Mamie Shade, Mrs. Hattie Miller, Almata Scott, Mrs. Stella Woodward, Ruth Printz, May Stoudt, Hattie Stoudt.

Class No. 30, Mrs. Sue Drexel, teacher. — Mrs. Irene Reider, Sallie Levan, Helen Sheetz, Nellie Boltz, Edith Foreman, Lena Becker, Ivey DeLong, Annie Mersinger, Edith Kline, Mamie Eisenhart, Dora Bright.

Class No. 31, Mrs. Verna Gerhard, teacher. — Emilie Shultz, Annetta Boone, Maude Heckman, Amelie Goodhart, Stella Less, Mrs. Helen DeLong, Miriam Eisenhart, Ellanora Katzenmoyer.

Class No. 32, Miss Anna Heck, teacher. — Margaret Kline, Mabel Mersinger, Marian Klein, Louisa Frantz, Emma Eckel, Hattie Shultz, Junia Free, Fannie Groff, Ruth Trout, Helen Brobst, Edna Greth.

Class No. 33, Miss Hattie Lance, teacher. — Jennie Wagner, Rosa Wagner, Mrs. Hoffman, Edna Miller, Clara Ream, Edna Lance.

Class No. 34, Miss Mary E. Ibach, teacher. — Helen Trump, Myrtle Kerns, Frances Kerns, Gladys Tompkins, Hazel Mayer.

Class No. 35, Mrs. Cora Behlor, teacher. — Kathryn Collier, Clara Brandt, Edith Haines, Margaret Fies, Edith Fritz, Mary Beard, Beatrice Schappell, Elsie Mabry.

Class No. 36, Mrs. Emma Bowman, teacher. — Matilda Long, Laura Strasser, Effie Hohl, Beulah Masteller, Edna Seitzinger, Effie Sypherd, Florence Swoyer, Edith Moyer, Florence Lerch, Amy Merget, Lulu Saylor, Helen Wells.

Class No. 37, Miss May Miller, teacher.—Elsie Noll, Ermie Geist, Katie Hiller, Emma Katzenmoyer, Edna Barto, Hilda Fleckenstein, Winona Herflicker.

Class No. 38, Miss Cora Logan, teacher.—Helen Trumbore, Anna Reifsnnyder, Gertrude Collier, Bessie Bankes, Marie Trumbore, Irene Eckel, Mabel Reber, Edna Mack.

Class No. 39, Dr. Geo. F. DeLong, teacher.—Charles Hoch, Walter Kleinspehn, Floyd Kocher, Stanley Siegfried, Frederick Rettgers, Walter Grainger.

Class No. 40, Mrs. Jennie Miller, teacher.—Warren Hollenbach, William Collier, Stanley Herbine, Walter Slider, Roy Rutter.

Class No. 41, Miss Edna Fidler, teacher.—Robert Kline, Howard Klick, Samuel Kepner, Harold Redcay, Claude Freese, Harry Matten, Arthur Leader, William Hart, Harry Frill.

Class No. 42, Miss Emma Haag, teacher.—Paul Hartman, Harold Klein, Thurman Whitner, Paul Humphrey, Robert Smith, Edward Herflicker, Joseph Herflicker, Grant Garret, Llewellyn Adam, Stanley Mervine, William Mack.

Class No. 43, R. S. Dunkleberger, teacher.—Stanley Sassaman, Raymond Umbenhauer, Charles Umbenhauer, Clarence Lerch, Harry Walker, Jay N. Fidler, Willis Groff, Elwood Fegley, Arthur High, Raymond High.

Class No. 44, Dr. Milton U. Gerhard, teacher.—Stanley Gable, John Moyer, Aulay Tompkins, Arthur Sonen, Daniel Lerch, Russel Graul, Foster Naftzinger, Charles Deysher, Paul Fick.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT. — Superintendent, Milton L. Haag.

Class A, A. J. Shartle, teacher.—Emma Westley, Gussie Wagner, Mamie Dundore, Wm. Kolb, Aaron Cleaver, Sarah Evans, Agnes Levan, Mrs. Mary Koch, Jennie Lincoln, Mrs. Annie Wanner, Lemon Hertz, Mrs. Amelia Kreitzer, Mrs. Deborah Hiester, John K. Hiester, Ger-

trude Bickel, Mrs. Sarah A. Heck, Mrs. Emma Wrentzel, Henry S. Bernhart, Charles J. Ruth, Thomas Bright, Mrs. Maggie Heyberger, A. Cameron Lance, Thomas Hughes, William Bowman, Alice Sassaman, Mrs. Mary M. Miller, Mrs. Ida Ibach, Mrs. Lydia Freese, Frank Sassaman, Katie Hoch, Mrs. Sallie Kautz, Hiram K. Ritter, Gussie Boltz, Mrs. Mary Engle, Mrs. Anna Cleaver, William Greishaber, Margaret Power, Gertie Kalbach, Mrs. Hannah Tompkins, Mrs. Sarah Bosold, Mrs. Lillie Sindel, Mrs. Kate Ritter, Mrs. Laura Deppen, J. Fred. Gerhard, Chas. Getrost, Mrs. Sarah Jackson, Harvey F. Bush, Mrs. Jennie Biehl, Mrs. Alice Ruth, Mrs. Laura Pauley, Mrs. Sadie Lance, Mrs. Meda Trump, Leonora Brady, Mrs. Ada Gehret, Lottie Kieffer, A. B. May, Mrs. Gussie Jost, Mrs. Adam May, William Hartline, Walter Clark, Mrs. Lottie Clark, C. L. Kantner, Mrs. Ida Hartline, Mrs. Alice Graeff, Mrs. Bertha Encke, Thomas Eckert, Mrs. Louisa Alspach, Frederick Winkleman, Charles Pauley, Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mame Schropp, Mrs. Kate Bush, Katie Wanner, Mrs. Ella Klein, Lizzie Wanner, Amy Clemmer, Mrs. Bella Gehret, Amos Woodworth, S. A. Althouse, Mrs. Ellen Adams, Katie Heyberger, William Ketterer, Grace Kostenbader, Harry Reifsnnyder, Mrs. Mary Drumheller, Sylvester Greenwald, Mrs. Kate Greenwald, Mrs. Emma Hoch, Bessie Greenwood, Anna Reichert.

Class B, A. A. Simon, Jr., teacher.—Leon Altenderfer, Harvey Fassnacht, Paul Fassnacht, Robert Eckert, James Rothermel, Edwin Mabry, Fred. Brettman, James Hiller, Raymond Fassnacht, William Barto, John Folmer, Warren Barto, Allen Moll, Charles Thompson, Charles Koch, Edward Young, Elmer Keiper, Walter Noll, Chas. Stitzer, Wilmert Evans, Charles Frederick, Harry Sonen, Herman Hough, John Frederick, Arthur Mengel, Ralph Black, Herbert DeTurk, Charles Ruth, Albert Shoenberger, Luther Wrentzel, Erman Evans, C. W. Matten, William



Ritter, Milton Matten, Allen Miller, Ralph Tragle, John Dautrich, Chester Hertz, Luther Naftzinger, Henry Folmer, Earl Mengel, Harry Whitner, Leon Darrah, Bruce Gerhard, Robert Kolb, Lloyd Moll, William Hiester, William Schaeffer, Clarence Neiman, Howard Hoffman, Geo. Hite, Leroy DeWees, Forrest Sindel, Stanley Ball, Herman Zimmerman, John Clewell, Thomas Eisenhart, John Brandt, George Kline, John Boltz, Charles Boger, Arthur Trumbore, Howard Pickel, Lloyd Barto, Clarence Beck, George Derr, Clarence DeLong, Alvin Groff, Elmer Hartline, Charles Mabry, Irvin Mease, William Clouser, Albert Collier, Albert Kreitz, Howard Stepp, Elwood Shollenberger, Harry Tolbert, Vernon Friday, Robert Fidler, Walter Boyer.

Class C, Miss Emma Lewis, teacher.—Edith Bankes, Helen Sands, Laura Resh, Mamie Kline, Edna Schollenberger, Mrs. Jennie Kurtz, Stella Brunner, Lillian Boltz, Ida Himmelreich, Carrie Kantner, Rosa Miller, Mrs. Carrie Wolfinger, Mary Hough.

HOME DEPARTMENT.—Superintendent, Albert M. Weyandt; Secretary, Mrs. Annie M. Barto; Treasurer, Miss Edith Lance; Visitors, Mrs. Sue Seaman, Mrs. Lucy Hughes, Mrs. Annie Barto, Mrs. Ella Klein, Miss Edith Lance, Mrs. Nora Keim, Mrs. Amanda Kinch; Dr. J. K. Seaman, Mrs. Harriet Bechtel, Mrs. Sallie Smeck, Mrs. Hannah Lincoln, Miss Kate Weiand, Miss Sallie Weiand, Miss Sallie Bausher, Mrs. Kate DeLong, Mrs. Lizzie Gift, Mrs. Emma Schropp, Mrs. Anna Klein, Mrs. May Klein, Mrs. Louisa Hite, Mrs. Sallie Kline, Mrs. Annie Barto, Mrs. Mary Collier, Mrs. Catharine Brant, Mrs. Catharine Schlottman, Alexander Schlottman, Mrs. Mary Emmert, Albert Emmert, Mrs. Amanda Kinsey, Mrs. Rebecca Addams, Mrs. Emma Moodhart, Mrs. Kate Potteiger, Mrs. Emma Gerhard, Mrs. Isaac Hoffa, Mrs. Sadie Weyandt, Mrs. Emma Ream, Mrs. Annie Becker, Mrs. Emily Davis, Mrs. Cordelia Mengel, Mrs. Ellen



Miller, Mrs. Valeria Feather, Miss Florence Feather, Edwin Feather, Mrs. Sue Portz, Mrs. Amanda Biehl, Mrs. Abbie McGrath, Mrs. Kate Bickel, Mrs. Ida Feick, Mrs. Rebecca Dickert, Mrs. Annie Sassaman, Mrs. David Fassnacht, David Fassnacht, Mrs. Sarah DeLong, Mrs. Warren Hartman, Mrs. Ida Printz, John Fredericks, Mrs. Anna Fredericks, Mrs. Mary Titlow, Mrs. Rosa Feather, John Fassnacht, Mrs. Mary Fassnacht, Mrs. Lillie Klick, Mrs. Mary Barto, Mrs. Stella Lichtenthaeler, Mrs. Joseph Roth, Joseph Roth, Mrs. Kate Gift, Mrs. Ellen Kerschner, Mrs. Sallie Naftzinger, Mrs. Kate Welder, Mrs. Mary Reeser, Mrs. Emma Evans, Mrs. Rebecca Heffleger, Mrs. Joanna Buck, Franklin Trump, Mrs. Mary Moyer, Mrs. Maude Moyer, Mrs. Lizzie Olinger, Miss Sarah Binkley, Mrs. Annie Hoffman, Mrs. Mary Greth, Mrs. Neida Keener, Mrs. Ella Heck, Mrs. Lizzie Eisenhower.

## CHAPTER XVI

### THE CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS



BRIEF sketch of the various organizations of the congregation will not be out of place in this history. Because the book has already gone beyond the proportions at first contemplated, this chapter must be greatly abbreviated, yet sufficient space will be devoted to each organization to record the essential facts of its history. All of these organizations have played an important part in the history of the congregation, and have enlisted the interest and services of the members, especially of the young people, in a very effective way.

#### THE CHOIR.

It seems that the choir, like the Sunday school, antedates the congregation. Immediately after the Sunday school had been brought to the new church, December 23, 1888, the missionary pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, had the Sunday school render a Christmas service, which was prepared by the organist, Miss Sallie

Westley, and Mr. Andrew H. Smith, chorister and clarinetist.

Mr. C. J. Smith was persuaded to organize a choir with whatever material was available. Numerous volunteers constituted the choir, most of whom eventually became members of St. Stephen's. The names of these members cannot be given, because no record of the choir was kept.

After the resignation of Miss Westley as organist, Miss Mame H. Smith became the regular organist and took charge of the choir. Several courses in vocal music for the benefit of the church and Sunday school choirs were given by the choir leader, Mr. C. J. Smith, and afterward by his son, Andrew H. Smith, who generally led the choir and Sunday school with some wind-instrument, principally the clarinet.

The organ used for a number of years was an old reed organ that needed frequent repairs. Its tone was very sweet, but of light volume, therefore an orchestra was organized to add volume to the music. The choir was on the same level as the congregation until the annex was built, when it occupied a higher position to the right of the pulpit.

This early choir sang very acceptably, and rendered a number of choruses written by such masters as Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Gounod, Handel and others. Some of the members of the choir of the early years are still singing in it, but most of them are scattered, and several of them are members of "the choir invisible" in heaven. Miss Sallie E. Bickel, one of the choir members, sang a solo at a young people's meeting on Sunday evening, January 6, 1889, entitled "Come Over the Line," and the following Wednesday she lost her life in a silk mill which was destroyed by a cyclone.

On April 1, 1890, Mr. J. Wilson Klein was elected organist of the congregation, and has held the position ever since. Mr. Milton J. Miller was leader of the choir from July 1, 1890, to January 1, 1891. He was succeeded by Mr. William H. Smith, who served only a short time. From April 4, 1894, Mr. Klein was made chorister, and continued as organist, having full charge of the congregational and Sunday school music.

The choir has given musical recitals from time to time. Some of them have been in the form of organ recitals, while others were can-

tatas and miscellaneous musical programs. Dr. Minor C. Baldwin, of New York city, gave organ recitals on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, January 18 and 19, 1905, at which the silver offerings amounted to \$271.50, leaving a balance of \$185.00 in the treasury of the choir. Dr. Baldwin gave two additional recitals on January 16 and 17, 1906. On Monday evening, January 28, 1907, Miss Hazel Claryce Harris, of New York city, rendered an excellent organ recital. Other recitals were also given, which were greatly enjoyed, all of which brought out the fact that we have a high class pipe organ.

For a number of years the choir has been rendering special music at the Christmas morning services, which has added much to their enjoyment. The more recent renditions were a Christmas cantata, entitled "The Adoration," given December 25, 1906, and repeated December 30, 1906; a Lenten cantata, "The Story of Calvary," rendered March 24, 1907; an Easter cantata, entitled "The Risen King," April 21, 1907; a Christmas cantata, "The Shepherd King," December 25, 1907; a cantata, entitled "David, the Shepherd Boy," which was given



in portions in connection with a series of sermons preached by the pastor on "Lessons from the Life of David," from October 18 to December 20, 1908 ; and a cantata, "Song of Thanksgiving," which was rendered on Wednesday evening, March 17, 1909, during the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation.

We ought to have a larger choir when we consider the material that is at hand, some of which has not yet been discovered and some not yet fully developed. We hope more of our gifted young people will consecrate their talents to the service of the Master.

Our choir has always been a voluntary organization, rendering praise to God without remuneration, which is the ideal condition of things. A church choir ought not to be an opera troupe, but a body of consecrated Christian men and women, fulfilling the condition spoken of by St. Paul in Colossians 3 : 16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God."

The personnel of the choir at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary was as follows :

Sopranos—Mrs. J. Wilson Klein, Misses Gertrude L. Bickel, Agnes E. Levan, Violet M. Haines, Mary E. Tompkins and Marian S. Klein.

Altos—Mrs. Annie M. Barto, Misses Emma E. Haag, Annie M. Mersinger and Cora G. Logan.

Tenors—Messrs. Thomas Z. Bright, Leon E. Altenderfer, Ralph R. Tragle and J. Grim Derr.

Bassos—Messrs. Oscar DeLong, Milton W. Seitzinger, Luther E. Wrentzel, A. A. Simon, Jr., and Lawrence C. Bright.

### THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

In response to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, the following persons assembled at his residence on New Year's evening, January 1, 1885, for the purpose of organizing a church society :

Annie Bucher, Mrs. Kate L. Bickel, Minnie Bickel, Milton J. Coller, Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard, C. S. Gerhard, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard, Mrs. Susan Herbein, Mrs. Jennie Hertz, Daniel S. Klein, Mrs. Mary A. Klein, Mrs. Mary McGuigan, Lizzie McGuigan, Mrs. Emma M. Palm, Mary Roth, Mrs. Mary R. Rhoads, Ida B. Stauffer, Andrew Smith, Wm. H. Tragle, Mrs. Emma M. Tragle and Mrs. Mary Titlow.

It was decided that the name of the society should be "St. Stephen's Aid Society."

At the subsequent meeting, January 6, 1885, the following new members were enrolled :

Rose Albright, Mary Bucher, Mrs. Loretta Deininger, Mrs. Hattie C. Herbein, Edmund R. Millard, Mrs. Mary E. Millard, Samuel Palm and Mrs. Frances S. Roth.

An election for officers was held, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Kate L. Bickel; Vice-President, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard; Secretary, Mary Roth; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Klein. All the members paid their initiation fees, which aggregated \$2.90.

The meetings were held at the homes of the members. At the meeting held January 20, 1885, Andrew Smith, M. J. Collier and Edmund Millard were appointed a committee on amusements.

The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted at the meeting held February 3, 1885.

At the meeting on June 6, 1885, the society decided to contribute \$150 toward the addition to be built to the church. The next year, September 14, 1886, the society voted to lay a pavement on Ninth street, which cost \$68.12, and on May 24, 1887, it was decided to lay a pavement on the north side of the church on Greenwich street.

On September 27, 1887, the society resolved to donate \$100 toward the sinking fund of the

church. This amount was increased by \$60, March 11, 1888; by \$50, July 3, 1888; and by \$50, August 29, 1888. At this time the society also paid \$32 for interest on the mortgage of the church.

A beautiful "log cabin" cushion and a handsome silk quilt were presented as a parting gift from the society to Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Schneider before they left to engage in missionary work in Japan.

The third anniversary of the society was celebrated December 30, 1887, by listening to an illustrated lecture on "The Early History of the Reformed Church in Europe," by Rev. James I. Good, D. D.

The treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. Klein, resigned October 23, 1888, because of removal from the city, and Mrs. Mary E. Millard was elected in her stead. This was the first change made in the officers since the organization of the society.

On April 23, 1889, the society decided to pay the interest on the mortgage, amounting to \$41.25, and August 27, 1889, \$27.50 was contributed for a similar purpose. The society continued to pay this interest for some time.

Miss Mary Roth resigned as secretary November 19, 1889, after having served in that capacity since the organization of the society, a period of almost five years.

On January 14, 1890, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Emma Palm; Vice-President, Mrs. Henrietta Jones; Secretary, Mamie McGuigan; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard.

On February 17, 1891, the society decided to contribute \$100 toward the Easter offering. This was the beginning of a number of large contributions made by the society to this object year after year.

The election of officers on January 5, 1892, resulted in a change of president and vice-president, to which offices Mrs. Mary A. Klein and Mrs. Loretta Deininger were respectively elected. The secretary and treasurer were reelected.

The first Fastnacht Supper of the society was held on March 1, 1892, and was called "Fastnacht Tea and Coffee Sociable," the net proceeds of which amounted to \$54.37. Since then these Fastnacht suppers have been held annually, and have been very popular. At a



strawberry festival held June 21, 1892, the society cleared \$27.29.

Another change of president and vice-president was made at the election on January 9, 1894, when Mrs. Valeria Feather was chosen as president and Mrs. S. Louisa Bucks as vice-president. The following year Mrs. Bucks was elected president and Mrs. Susan Portz vice-president.

Walnut collection plates were purchased for \$15.00 and presented to the congregation. For a number of years the society made a dozen shirts each year for Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf. The society also paid \$14.85 for the installation of a hall rack and mirror at the Home in 1895.

On March 5, 1895, the resignation of Miss Mame N. McGuigan as secretary was accepted. She had served for over five years. Mrs. Loretta Deininger, afterward Mrs. Hoffa, was elected to the position. At the annual election of officers on January 7, 1896, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard was elected president, and the other officers were reelected. Mrs. Hoffa resigned as secretary on April 28, 1896, and Mrs. Bessie M. Troop was elected as her successor. On

January 5, 1897, Mrs. Amanda Howden was elected vice-president, and the remaining officers were reelected.

At the meeting held March 16, 1897, the society decided to give \$500 toward the purchase of the Mullin property adjoining the church on the south. The following year, on March 15, 1898, the society resolved to contribute \$250 to the building fund, and on November 8, 1898, an additional \$250 was voted to the same object.

Mrs. Bessie M. Troop resigned as secretary, October 26, 1897, and Mrs. Sue H. Seaman was elected as her successor, and has held the office ever since. At the annual election of officers on January 4, 1898, Mrs. Mary A. Klein was elected president, Mrs. Emma Palm vice-president, and the secretary and treasurer were reelected.

On January 3, 1899, Mrs. Emma Palm was elected president and Mrs. Mary Schaeffer vice-president. The following year, January 2, 1900, Mrs. Mary Schaeffer was elected president and Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard vice-president, and the secretary and treasurer were reelected. At the next two elections, January 15, 1901,

and January 11, 1902, all of these officers were reelected. The following year, January 13, 1903, Mrs. Kate Ritter was elected vice-president, and on January 12, 1904, all the officers were reelected.

On October 9, 1899, the society resolved to pay \$275 to the building fund, and on October 24, 1899, they decided to subscribe \$400 at the dedication of the new church. The following payments were made on this pledge, all in the year 1900: January 2, \$100; February 12, \$75; April 9, \$75; September 26, \$130; December 20, \$20.

On October 22, 1901, the society resolved to put a window in the church at a cost of \$500 with the following inscription: "By the Ladies' Aid Society in honor of our first pastor, Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, D. D." The first payment of \$265 was made December 17, 1901, and the balance of \$235 was paid March 25, 1902.

At a meeting held April 22, 1902, the society decided to pay for frescoing the church. This was done during the summer of 1903 at a cost of \$500.

On October 30, 1902, a special meeting of the society was called to take action on the

death of the pastor, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D. The following committee on resolutions was appointed: Mrs. D. S. Schaeffer, Mrs. J. F. Gerhard and Mrs. J. K. Seaman. Their report is found elsewhere.\* The society attended the funeral services in a body.

On January 13, 1903, the society decided to publish a cook book, which proved to be very popular, the whole edition of 500 copies being sold in a comparatively short time.

It was unanimously resolved on May 3, 1904, that the society assume the payment of \$1,000, including the interest, toward the church debt, the same to be paid within five years. Not only was this resolution carried out, but the society overpaid this sum by a large amount.

On January 10, 1905, Mrs. Mary A. Klein was elected vice-president of the society, and every year since then all the officers were re-elected.

The society presented to the pastor, Rev. Thomas W. Dickert, a handsome gold watch, in commemoration of the third anniversary of his pastorate, on the evening of October 31, 1905.

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\* Pages 123 and 124.

In addition to the annual Fastnacht Supper, already referred to, the society held several other regular suppers every year, and a number of special suppers from time to time. The regular features have been a strawberry and ice-cream festival in the spring and a corn supper in the fall, all of which were successful from a social and financial point of view. The society entered upon a new venture several years ago, holding a rummage sale down town January 21 to 30, 1907 (Sunday excepted), at which they cleared \$131.43. This was followed by another rummage sale held November 18 to 23, 1907, the receipts of which were \$114.54. A third rummage sale was held November 16 to 21, 1908, with receipts amounting to \$64.64.

Every summer since 1898 from four to eight members of the society have had charge of a table in the dining room of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf in connection with the great anniversary of the Home held at that time.

Since January 17, 1900, a record has been kept of visits reported by members of the society. The total number of visits from that date to March 16, 1909, was 8,910. The society



has had 222 different members since its organization.

Since 1891 the society has contributed annually to the Easter offerings of the congregation, except in 1899, 1900 and 1901. The total amount contributed during the sixteen years is \$2,210. The amounts are as follows: \$100 each in 1891 and 1892; \$75 each in 1893 and 1904; \$50 each in 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1902 and 1903; \$300 each in 1905, 1906 and 1908; \$400 in 1907; \$210 in 1909.

The total amount raised by the society for all purposes from January 1, 1885, to the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation, March 16, 1909, is \$7,826.53.

A "poor fund" was started by the society, December 30, 1902, from which help has been given to poor families, and from which the Easter flowers for the sick and floral designs for the departed have been paid. The total amount of the fund since its institution is \$60.15, included in the above.

The officers and members of the society on March 16, 1909, were as follows:

OFFICERS. — President, Mrs. Mary Schaeffer; Vice-President, Mrs. Mary A. Klein; Secretary, Mrs. Sue H. Seaman; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma E. Gerhard.

MEMBERS.—Rebecca Addams, Lizzie Anderson, Henry S. Bernhart, Kate Bickel, Miss Sarah Binkley, Mary Bright, Kate Bush, Emilie Davis, Emma Derr, Sarah DeLong, Louisa DeLong, Rev. T. W. Dickert, Rebecca Dickert, Sue Drexel, C. B. Dunkleberger, Mary Engel, Lizzie Eisenhower, Mary Fassnacht, Lizzie Faust, Valeria Feather, Rosa Feather, Ella Frill, Emma Gerhard, Lizzie Gift, Kate Gift, Mary Greth, Hannah Happel, Maggie Heyberger, Sarah Heck, Susan Heffner, Jennie Hertz, Susan Hite, Loretta Hoffa, Lucy Hughes, Amanda Herbine, Nona Haag, Amanda Kinsey, Mary Klein, Annie Kline, Lillie Klick, Mary Koch, Sallie Kolb, Amelia Kreitzer, Hannah Lincoln, Cathryn Logan, Vallie Lowe, Lucy Mayer, Ellen Miller, Anna Miller, Emma Moodhart, Minnie Mooney, Lydia Mohr, Kate Moyer, Belle Nissley, Emma Palm, Kate Potteiger, Mary Roth, Alice Reifsnyder, Kate Ritter, Anna Ocksreider, Rebecca Saul, Mary Schaeffer, Sue Seaman, Sallie Schlegel, Emma Sonen, Ida Trumbore, Annie Wanner, Sadie Weyandt, Amanda Biehl, Anna Frederick, Katie Kercher, Sallie Klein, Amanda Lerch, Mary Neiman, Bessie Troop, Ellen Wrentzel, Sue Portz, Mary Maberry, Kate Knabb, Ella Getrost, Carrie Schumacher, Amelia Kline.

### THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Society of the congregation was organized in 1886. Its specific name is "The Missionary Society of St. Stephen's Reformed Church and Sunday School, Reading, Pennsylvania." As stated in the second article of the Constitution, "The objects of this society shall be to awaken interest in the cause of missions, and also to encourage mutual improve-

ment in debate and composition, a diffusion of knowledge and the cultivation of social qualities."

A new constitution was adopted October 1, 1891, in the first article of which the name and object are set forth as follows: "This society shall be known as the Missionary Society of St. Stephen's Reformed Church at Reading, Pa., whose object shall be to advance the cause of missions."

The first minute book cannot be found, therefore the original officers and members cannot be given. The first minutes that could be found are dated May 13, 1890, and were recorded by Miss Mame McGuigan, secretary. At that meeting an interesting musical and literary program was rendered, as follows:

Address, by the president; instrumental solo, Glase Gerhard; select reading, Lizzie Kinch; cornet solo, Wm. Mullin; humorous selection, Charles Mullin; vocal solo, Nellie Levan; comical reading, Simon Seyfert; referred question, "Who printed, bound and edited the first English Bible in this country?" Thomas Jones; "Missionary Banner," by the editor, Alfred Ruth.

"The Missionary Banner" was a periodical which was read at the regular meetings of the society. The work of the editor of this periodi-

cal is specified as follows in Article VIII., Section 2, of the Constitution :

“It shall be the duty of the Editor to edit and read at the regular meetings of the society a periodical, wherein he may insert all communications received for that purpose, excluding such as in his opinion contain improper remarks unworthy of publication.”

The meetings were held bi-weekly on Tuesday evening. At the meeting on May 27, 1890, \$35.00 was voted toward the classical apportionment of the congregation. At a special meeting on July 19, 1890, Charles Steeley was elected treasurer of the society to succeed J. Frederick Schoenberger, who removed from the city.

At the annual election held October 21, 1890, the following officers were elected: President, Charles W. Wanner; Vice-President, W. W. Prutzman; Secretary, Martha Smith; Financial Secretary, Lizzie Kinch; Organist, Bertha Mittower; Treasurer, Charles Steeley; Editor, W. W. Prutzman; Assistant-Editor, W. F. Miller. The organist resigned, and on December 2, 1890, Nellie Levan was elected to the position. J. Wilson Klein was elected vice-president, December 2, 1891, and Mary Bickel was elected secretary, April 6, 1892.

On March 10, 1890, it was resolved to contribute \$50 toward the classical apportionment and \$25 toward foreign missions.

In the new constitution, adopted October 1, 1891, provision was made for monthly meetings of the society, and a short time thereafter they were held bi-monthly. Later still they became less frequent, six months intervening sometimes.

On December 7, 1892, the following officers were elected: President, Adam Ludwig; Vice-President, Chas. W. Wanner; Secretary, Mary E. Bickel; Treasurer, John Geiser. They were all reelected December 5, 1893, and all but the treasurer on December 4, 1894. Hiram K. Ritter was elected to the latter office. On January 14, 1896, all new officers were elected with the exception of the treasurer, who was reelected, as follows: President, Milton J. Coller; Vice-President, Simon H. Seyfert; Secretary, Lilly Schoenberger. The president and treasurer were reelected February 3, 1897, at which time Howard K. Miller was elected vice-president and Annie Potteiger secretary. On March 24, 1897, Samuel P. Faust was elected vice-president. All the officers were reelected February 2, 1898, March 8, 1899, and February 14, 1900. On



February 13, 1901, Samuel P. Faust was elected president, Lillie M. Peter vice-president, and the secretary and treasurer were reelected, but the secretary's name had changed to Mrs. Annie Clauser. These officers were reelected February 18, 1902. The secretary resigned May 14, 1902, and Mary E. Schoenberger was elected to the office. On January 28, 1903, Milton J. Coller was again elected president, and the other officers were reelected. All of the officers were reelected January 28, 1903, and January 27, 1904. On January 3, 1905, the following officers were elected: President, Harvey F. Bush; Vice-President, Lillie M. Peter; Secretary, Mary E. Schoenberger; Assistant Secretary, Cora G. Logan; Treasurer, Mrs. Vallie G. Lowe. On January 2, 1906, the officers were reelected with the exception of the secretary and the assistant secretary. Miss Cora Logan was elected secretary and Miss Virgie Evans assistant secretary. On December 4, 1906, William Encke was elected president, Mrs. Sallie Anderson vice-president, and the other officers were reelected. On December 3, 1907, the officers were all reelected, except the president, to which

office Samuel P. Faust was elected. All these officers were reelected December 31, 1908.

The society annually elected two members as delegates to the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis and later of Reading Classis. These delegates usually made a report to the society of the proceedings of that body.

The new constitution provided that all the money raised by the society, except what was required for necessary expenses, should be given only to the work of missions, and that the classical apportionment of the congregation should be paid before any other donations were made. In this way the society materially aided the congregation in paying its classical apportionment, which was paid in full every year during the history of the congregation. The society also paid annually to the Woman's Missionary Society of Reading Classis from \$20 to \$28.

For a number of years the missionary society gave an entertainment at the Fastnacht Supper of the Ladies' Aid Society, for which they received a donation of \$5.00 each year.

On December 31, 1907, the society resolved to pay \$75.00 a year toward the salary of Rev. Junichiro Yamakawa, our minister in Japan. The remaining \$75.00 of his salary is paid by the Christian Endeavor Society.

The society has been fortunate in having had so many returned missionaries from the foreign field to attend its meetings and to deliver addresses. The following have been among these visitors: February 19, 1892, Dr. and Mrs. Jairus P. Moore, of Japan; June 23, 1903, Mr. Kikutaro Yoshida, of Japan; June 20, 1905, and January 2, 1906, Mrs. Anna M. Schneder, of Japan; September 9, 1906, Dr. D. B. Schneder, President of North Japan College; March 24, 1908, Miss Sadie Lea Weidner, of Japan; December 31, 1908, Miss Emma Ziemer, of China.

Most of the Reformed pastors of our city have also appeared before our society, and have delivered interesting addresses.

At most of the meetings that were held by the society interesting musical and literary programs were given, which were usually greatly enjoyed.

It is impossible to give an accurate statement of the amount of money raised by the society since its organization, but upwards of \$2,000 has been given to home and foreign missions.

The following is a list of the officers and members at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation :

OFFICERS.—President, Samuel P. Faust ; Vice-President, Lillie Schoenberger ; Secretary, Cora G. Logan ; Assistant Secretary, Virgie M. Evans ; Treasurer, Mrs. Vallie G. Lowe.

MEMBERS.—Leon Altenderfer, Isaac Barto, Mrs. Annie Barto, Mrs. Kate Bickel, Gertie Bickel, Ella Bickel, Sarah Binkley, Gussie Boltz, Thomas Bright, Mrs. Mary Bright, Lawrence Bright, Mary Bucher, Harvey Bush, Mrs. Kate Bush, Henry Bechtel, John Bucks, Mrs. John Bucks, Mrs. Sallie Bear, Mrs. Christina Busser, Edith Bankes, Anna Bankes, Clarence Beck, Mrs. Mary Beck, Mrs. Annie Clauser, Walter Clark, Mrs. Lottie Clark, William Clouser, Aaron Cleaver, Mrs. Aaron Cleaver, Mrs. Emma Derr, Mrs. Lizzie DeLong, Dr. W. D. DeLong, Clarence DeLong, Ivey DeLong, Rev. T. W. Dickert, Mrs. T. W. Dickert, Mrs. Sue Drexel, Mrs. Emilie Davis, Mrs. Laura Deppen, Mrs. C. B. Dunkleberger, Ralph Dunkleberger, Mrs. Sarah Dundore, Mrs. Kate Eckert, Wm. Encke, Mrs. Bertha Encke, Nora Evans, Virgie Evans, Mrs. Vertie Evans, Sarah Evans, Jennie Eisenhart, S. P. Faust, Edwin Feather, Mrs. Valeria Feather, Daniel Folmer, Mrs. Catharine Folmer, Henry Folmer, Charles Frederick, Mrs. Lydia Freese, Mrs. Mary Fegley, Mrs. Mary Fassnacht, William Fritz, Mrs. C. S. Gerhard, Chas. Gerhard, Bruce Gerhard, Mary Gerhard, J. F. Gerhard,

William Grieshaber, Mrs. Bella Gehret, Emma Haag, Vina Haag, Mrs. Sallie Heck, John Heck, Mrs. Ella Heck, Anna Heck, James Hiller, Mrs. Carrie Hiller, Mrs. Loretta Hoffa, Mrs. Annie Hoffman, Mrs. Lucy Hughes, Ida Himmelreich, Mrs. Hannah Happel, Mrs. Nora Keim, Mrs. Ellen Kershner, Sallie Kline, John Kline, Mrs. Lizzie Kline, Carrie Kantner, Henry Keiper, Mrs. Sophia Keiper, Mrs. Mazie Kniss, Mrs. Amelia Kreitzer, John Klick, Mrs. Lillie Klick, Edith Lance, Hattie Lance, Frances Linton, Jennie Lincoln, Wm. Lowe, Mrs. Vallie Lowe, Mrs. Catharine Logan, Cora Logan, Irene Logan, Emma Lewis, Clara Lewis, Mary Lewis, Kate Madeira, Rebecca Madeira, Mrs. Cordelia Mengel, May Miller, Hattie Millard, Mrs. Emma Moodhard, Mrs. Minnie Mooney, Mrs. Rosa Noll, Charles Pauley, Mrs. Laura Pauley, Lillian Peter, Mabel Printz, Laura Portz, Mary Reber, Harry Reifsnnyder, Mrs. Alice Reifsnnyder, Hiram Ritter, Mrs. Kate Ritter, Maggie Ritter, Mamie Richardson, Joseph Roth, Emma Rutter, Ethel Robinson, Alice Ruth, Edith Sassaman, Dr. J. K. Seaman, Mrs. Sue Seaman, Mrs. Mary Schaeffer, Lillie Schoenberger, Mary Schoenberger, Mrs. Jennie Smith, Mrs. Inez Stump, Carrie Stump, Alvin Stump, Helen Sands, A. A. Simon, Jr., Helen Sheetz, Mary Stoner, Mrs. Emma Sonen, Carrie Sonen, Harry Sonen, Ralph Tragle, Mrs. Ida Trumbore, Lizzie Wanner, Kate Wanner, Kate Weand, Sallie Weand, Sadie Weyandt, Emma Westley, Mrs. Alice Winkelman, Mrs. Sue Wilhelm.

#### DISBANDED ORGANIZATIONS.

In the records which we have consulted, a number of organizations are mentioned which are no longer in existence. The information with regard to them is very imperfect, and we can not do much more than mention them here.



A Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle was organized November 7, 1888, and met every Thursday evening in the library room of the church for literary culture. On April 22, 1889, there were seven members. In 1890 no trace of the organization can be found.

In the minutes of the Ladies' Aid Society dated August 27, 1889, reference is made to the Young Ladies' Mite Society and the Willing Workers in the following resolution: "On motion it was agreed that the Aid Society unite with the Young Ladies' Mite Society, Willing Workers, Missionary Society and Infant Department to hold a fair in the addition of the church on September 25, 26 and 27." The Willing Workers are again mentioned in the minutes of November 25, 1890, and September 15, 1891, where small donations from this organization are acknowledged. Apart from these brief references we can give no information of these two organizations.

We have been informed that a men's organization existed in the church, which afterwards gave place to the Young People's Society, which was the forerunner of the Christian Endeavor Society, but none of these organizations are re-

ferred to in the "Annual Visitor," except the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle.

The Young People's Society is mentioned in the minutes of the Ladies' Aid Society under date of February 4, 1890, when it was resolved that they should be invited to give an entertainment in connection with the Fastnacht Sociable of the society.

The only other defunct organization to which reference has been made is the Ladies' Guild. It was organized June 1, 1897, and was divided into four circles. In the "Annual Visitor" of April 11, 1898, the pastor says of these circles: "All of them are busily engaged in working for the new church." At this time the Guild had 55 members, with the following officers: President, Mrs. F. J. Winkelman; Vice-Presidents, Emma Lewis, Kathryn Ludwig and Ella Miller; Secretary, Sarah Clark.

The following year, April 3, 1899, the Guild had 45 members, divided into three circles, and the same officers were in charge, with the exception of Kathryn Ludwig, who had dropped out, leaving but two vice-presidents.

On April 16, 1900, there was but one circle, with 33 members, and the following officers:

President, Emma Lewis ; Vice-President, Ella Miller ; Secretary, Ella Ludwig ; Treasurer, Mrs. Susan A. Drexel.

The following year, April 8, 1901, the same officers served, and the membership was twenty-four. During that year the organization disbanded.

The Guild placed a memorial window in the church at a cost of \$250 in memory of Glase and John Gerhard, the sons of the pastor, the former passing away July 22, 1901, and the latter September 10, 1901.

#### THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized September 22, 1897, and at once became one of the active organizations of the congregation. On April 11, 1898, it had 54 active and two associate members. Its meetings were held in the evening before the church services.

The first officers were : President, F. H. Richardson ; Vice-President, J. Wilson Klein ; Secretary, Jennie M. Merkle ; Corresponding Secretary, Kathryn Ludwig ; Treasurer, Dr. J. K. Seaman.

It is to be greatly regretted that the first minute book cannot be found, which would enable us to refer more fully to the workings of this society which has been so great a spiritual blessing to our congregation.

The following year the society had 62 active and two associate members, with the same officers in charge, except that Charles W. Logan was vice-president and Herman Zimmerman treasurer.

On April 16, 1900, the society had 57 active and three associate members. Alvin J. Shartle was President and Samuel Palm Vice-president, the other officers being the same as the year before.

The following year, April 8, 1901, the membership was 66—63 active and three associate. The officers were: President, Alvin J. Shartle; Vice-President, J. Wilson Klein; Secretary, Carrie D. Sonen; Corresponding Secretary, Kathryn Ludwig; Treasurer, Samuel P. Faust.

A year later, March 31, 1902, the society had 53 members, and the changes in officers were Vice-President, Emma Lewis, and Corresponding Secretary, Ella Ludwig.

In 1903 the officers were: President, Samuel P. Faust; Vice-president, John D. Heck; Recording Secretary, Carrie D. Sonen; Corresponding Secretary, Ella S. Ludwig; Treasurer, Wm. J. Lowe; Pianist, Ella M. Bickel.

Mr. Shartle, who had served so efficiently as the president of the society for three years and had helped to make it the banner society in the Berks County Christian Endeavor Union, was honored with the presidency of that body, and did for the union what he had done for his own society by making a specialty of Christian Endeavor work and throwing all his energy into it. Under his leadership the Berks County Union became one of the foremost unions of the state.

The sixth anniversary of the society was celebrated on Tuesday evening, September 29, 1903, in the Sunday school chapel. A number of the sister societies of the city were represented by one or more delegates each, several of the societies having a large representation. Almost two hundred persons were present. After the devotional services and address of welcome by the pastor, A. J. Shartle, ex-president of our society, and retiring president of the Berks County



Union, gave a brief, but interesting, history of the society during the six years of its existence. The newly-elected president of the Berks County Union, Elmer E. Moore, delivered an interesting address. After the meeting a pleasant social hour was spent, during which refreshments were served by the social committee of our society.

At the regular monthly meeting held on Wednesday evening, December 16, 1903, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Samuel P. Faust; Vice-president, Herman W. Zimmerman; Recording Secretary, Ella Ludwig; Corresponding Secretary, Harvey V. Sheetz; Treasurer, Albert M. Weyandt. Miss Ella Bickel was afterward elected as Corresponding Secretary.

The year 1904-1905 was a very active one and may well serve as a sample of the work done by the society when at its best. We quote the following report of the year's work from "The Year Book" for 1905:

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor had a prosperous and successful year, and a great deal of good was accomplished by the members and committees.

A picnic was held at Mineral Spring Park on Saturday, August 27, 1904. On Sunday evening, September 18, 1904,

the society attended church services in a body in commemoration of the seventh anniversary. The pastor preached on Psalm 84: 10, 11.

All the committees were very active during the year and did splendid work. The Missionary Committee had charge of the funds for North Japan College and for the support of a Japanese student; \$50.00 was contributed to North Japan College on September 21, 1904; \$40.00 was given for the support of Mr. Yamakawa, a student in the Theological Seminary at Sendai, Japan. Donations were also made to some poor families and to Hope Rescue Mission.

The Prayer Meeting Committee exercised a faithful oversight over the prayer meetings and contributed largely to their success.

The Music Committee provided a number of interesting features during the year, which helped to make the prayer meetings more enjoyable. They suggested the introduction of the new Christian Endeavor Hymnal, which was adopted July 19, 1905.

The Flower Committee distributed bouquets and Scripture passages to a large number of sick members and friends of the congregation, bringing cheer and sunshine into their homes and hearts.

The Cottage Prayer Meeting Committee was exceptionally active, holding about forty cottage prayer meetings and song services during the year. These meetings did a great deal of good, comforting and encouraging the sick and afflicted.

The Lookout Committee did faithful work in looking after negligent members, and succeeded in bringing thirty-seven new members into the society, so that our society received a certificate at the International Convention at Baltimore, July 10, 1905, for having made a twenty-five per cent. increase.

The Social Committee held a number of very enjoyable socials, moonlight and starlight walks, and other events, all of which helped to bring the members into closer contact and better acquaintance with one another.

The Calling Committee reported 587 calls during the year, which shows that they were very faithful and active in the performance of their duty.

Song services were held at benevolent institutions during the year as follows: August 21, 1904, Reading Hospital; October 23, 1904, Widows' Home; December 4, 1904, Reading Hospital; February 5, 1905, Reading Hospital; February 24, 1905, Hope Rescue Mission; March 26, 1905, Homeopathic Hospital; April 9, 1905, Reading Hospital; April 23, 1905, Widows' Home; May 12, 1905, Hope Rescue Mission; May 28, 1905, Homeopathic Hospital; July 2, 1905, Reading Hospital.

The society took a religious census of our section of the city, which may result in reaching some of the unchurched in our community.

At this time the society had 101 active and six associate members, and was in charge of the following officers: President, Samuel P. Faust; Vice-President, John D. Heck; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ella Heck; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella Bickel; Treasurer, Albert Weyandt.

The following year was also a very successful and active one. About 1200 persons took part in the discussion of the topics at the regular prayer meetings and consecration meetings, an average of 100 a month.

The Missionary Committee took charge of the missionary offerings, collecting them by means of special envelopes distributed for the purpose, which resulted in increased offerings. They secured a photograph and biographical sketch of Janichiro Yamakawa, the young man whom the society is supporting in his studies for the Christian ministry. They had the photograph enlarged and framed, and hung it on the wall of the Christian Endeavor room.

An Evangelistic Committee was created for the purpose of holding out-door song services and evangelistic meetings. This committee did excellent work by holding meetings in the "slums" of the city.

An Ushers' Committee was appointed during the winter, whose duty it was to usher strangers and late comers to seats in the Christian Endeavor room.

The following were the officers during the year: President, Samuel P. Faust; Vice-President, Fred. A. Krauss; Recording Secretary, Miss Maggie Ritter; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella Bickel; Financial Secretary, Lawrence C. Bright; Treasurer, Albert M. Weyandt.

The activity of the society was continued during the next year, all the committees doing good work.

The student under the care of the society, Mr. Janichiro Yamakawa, for whose support the society had been paying \$40 a year for several years, graduated from the theological seminary in Japan and at once began to engage in evangelistic work. His first station was at Masuda, and he also worked at Nagamachi, both places being near Sendai, Japan, where the educational institutions of our Church are located. The society agreed to pay his salary as an evangelist, \$150 a year. Beginning with January 1, 1908, the missionary society of our congregation assumed half of this salary, the Christian Endeavor Society paying the other half. The society had several reports from Japan stating that Mr. Yamakawa was a very successful evangelist. Our congregation has two pastors now, one at home and one abroad.

The Evangelistic Committee did splendid work during the first year of its existence. They held evangelistic song services in the slums of the city, and 59 song services outside the homes of sick and afflicted members and friends of the



congregation. They gave a Christmas dinner to a needy family, aided a young lady who was in distress, took an invalid to the early Christmas morning service in our church, sang Christmas carols at the homes of seven sick persons, and contributed \$2.00 toward the rent of a poor family and \$8.00 for a bed for Hope Rescue Mission.

On October 25, 1906, one of the members contributed \$20.00 as a flower fund in memory of his wife, to pay for two additional bouquets for every Sunday during the year. He has renewed this fund every year since then, making it a perennial blessing to many of the sick and shut-ins of the congregation. Because he desires his name to be withheld, we call it "The Silent Friend Flower Fund."

The officers were : President, John D. Heck ; Vice-President, William J. Lowe ; Recording Secretary, Miss Maggie Ritter ; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lottie Sassaman ; Financial Secretary, Henry Folmer ; Treasurer, Harvey F. Bush ; delegates to congress, John D. Heck, William J. Lowe, R. Dunkleberger.

The following year these were the officers : President, Wm. J. Lowe ; Vice-President, Ralph

S. Dunkleberger; Recording Secretary, Miss Maggie Ritter; Corresponding Secretary, Miss May Miller; Financial Secretary, Wm. Grieshaber; Treasurer, Harvey F. Bush.

The eighteenth annual (fourth biennial) State Convention of the Christian Endeavor Society was held in our city, July 7-9, 1908. Mr. A. J. Shartle was chairman of the convention committee, and the unprecedented success of the convention was largely due to his untiring labors in its behalf. A large number of our members were working on the various committees and added much to the success of the convention. Mr. Wm. J. Lowe was chairman of the decorating committee, and the elaborate and appropriate decorations reflected great credit upon his skill in this direction. Mr. Shartle was elected General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, and is now devoting all his time to this work. It is an honor to our society to have furnished this competent state official, but it was done at the sacrifice of the helpful influence which his presence in the society exerted.

The following is a list of the officers and members found on the roll of the society March 16, 1909:

OFFICERS.—President, Wm. J. Lowe; Vice-President, Ralph S. Dunkleberger; Recording Secretary, Miss Maggie Ritter; Corresponding Secretary, Miss May Miller; Financial Secretary, William Grieshaber; Treasurer, Harvey F. Bush; Chorister, J. Wilson Klein.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.—Leon Altenderfer, Ella M. Bickel, Gertrude Bickel, Harvey Bush, Mrs. Kate Bush, Edith Bankes, Naomi Bright, Dora Bright, Lawrence Bright, Sarah Binkley, Clarence Beck, Mrs. Mary Beck, William Clouser, Walter Clark, Mrs. Lottie Clark, Aaron Cleaver, Clarence Clark, Dr. Wilson D. DeLong, Ivey DeLong, Mrs. Emma Derr, Rev. T. W. Dickert, Ralph Dunkleberger, Wilmert Evans, Mrs. Vertie Evans, Virgie Evans, Sadie Evans, William Encke, Thos. J. Eckert, Samuel Faust, Charles Frederick, Henry Folmer, John Folmer, Edna Fidler, Raymond Fassnacht, Harvey Fassnacht, Wm. Grieshaber, James Hiller, Mrs. James Hiller, Vina Haag, John D. Heck, Anna R. Heck, Mary Hough, Helen Heffner, Paul Hertz, Mary Ibach, Florence Ibach, Wm. Ibach, Edna Kostenbader, Helen Kline, Carrie Kantner, J. Wilson Klein, Cora Logan, Irene Logan, Wm. Lowe, Mrs. Vallie Lowe, Emma Lewis, Edith Levan, May Miller, Hattie Millard, Stella Moodhart, Katie Miller, Lillian Peter, Chas. Pauley, Mrs. Laura Pauley, Mabel Printz, Rayman Reeser, Charles Ruth, Mrs. Alice Ruth, Helen Ruth, Charles Ruth, Wm. Ritter, Maggie Ritter, Ethel Robinson, Annie Rutter, Mary Roth, Dr. John K. Seaman, Alvin J. Shartle, Carrie D. Sonen, Harry Sonen, Mary Schoenberger, Edith Sassaman, Helen Sands, Carrie Stump, Emilie Shultz, Charles Stitzer, Ralph Tragle, Albert Weyandt, Eva Waid, Luther Wrentzel.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.—Anna Deysher, Luther Hohl, Florence Reinert, Grace Stoudt, Celen Weyandt.

HONORARY MEMBERS.—Mrs. Neida Keener, Mrs. Jennie Smith, Edith Lance, Fred. A. Krauss, Mrs. Ella Heck,

Mrs. Mazie Kniss, Hattie Lance, Mrs. Anna Hoffman, Mrs. Bertha Encke, Mrs. Sarah Shartle, Herman Zimmerman.

### THE JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

The Junior Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized January 21, 1899, and by Easter of that year there were 42 members on the roll. The Superintendent was Mrs. Ida E. Brumbach, and the officers were: President, Mary E. Schoenberger; Vice-President, Catharine M. Addams; Secretary, Bernetta Lance; Corresponding Secretary, Stella Brunner; Treasurer, Mabel DeLong. On April 16, 1900, 72 members were enrolled, and the same officers were in charge, except the vice-president, which office was held by Mabel Grube.

The society disbanded some time in 1901, and no meetings were held for several years, but it was reorganized September 18, 1903. At a business meeting held November 13, 1903, Miss Mabel DeLong offered the opening prayer, and the following officers were elected: President, Naomi Bright; Vice-President, Edna Dunkelberger; Secretary, Helen Heffner; Treasurer, Gertrude Feather. Miss Mary E. Schoenberger was superintendent; Mrs. Vallie G. Lowe and

Mrs. Alice B. Ruth, assistant superintendents; Miss Bernetta Lance, organist.

The next year the society was in charge of Mary E. Schoenberger, superintendent; Mrs. Vallie G. Lowe and Lillie M. Peter, assistant superintendents; Mabel DeLong, organist. The officers elected October 26, 1904, were Gertrude Ludwig, President; Luther Hohl, Vice-President; Helen Ruth, Secretary; Harold Klein, Treasurer.

At the semi-annual election held April 12, 1905, the following officers were elected: President, Luther Hohl; Vice-President, Marian Klein; Secretary, Helen Heffner; Treasurer, Harold Klein. The society at this time had 59 active members and 11 trial members, a total membership of 70. On October 18, 1905, Naomi Bright was elected vice-president, and on January 24, 1906, the following officers were elected: President, Luther Hohl; Vice-President, Naomi Bright; Secretary, Helen Heffner; Treasurer, Anna Berg. In addition to those mentioned before, Mrs. Bertha Eucke was a helper from the Senior Society at this time.

On April 18, 1906, the society voted the following contributions for benevolence, for



which the funds had been gathered: \$10.00 toward the Easter offering; \$10.00 to the church at Tokio, Japan, and \$5.00 to the Hoy Memorial Hospital in China. During this year the society also gave \$5.00 toward a bed in the Homeopathic Hospital.

The society held a business meeting on January 16, 1907, at which the following officers were elected: President, Harold Klein; Vice-President, Paul Hertz; Secretary, Helen Heffner; Treasurer, Naomi Bright. At this time the society was in charge of Mary E. Schoenberger, superintendent; Misses Lillian M. Peter, Mabel DeLong and May Miller, assistant superintendents.

In January, 1906, the society began making albums on the "Life of Christ," in which the members were greatly interested. One at a time the beautiful Perry pictures were pasted into albums, and the leader spoke on each picture, so as to impress its lesson upon the minds and hearts of the members. When the albums were completed, each member of the society received one as a gift.

A new Hymnal was secured at this time, entitled "Junior Carols," and the singing was greatly improved.

At the opening meeting, after the summer recess, on Wednesday afternoon, October 2, 1907, 64 members were present. This was the beginning of a very successful year, all the meetings being well attended.

On January 22, 1908, the following officers were elected: President, George Dellet; Vice-President, Pauline Behlor; Secretary, Helen Heffner; Treasurer, Mary Kantner; Pianist, Grace George.

At the union meeting of the Senior and Junior Societies held in the Sunday School Chapel on Sunday evening, May 17, 1908, the first graduation services of the Junior Society were held. The graduates numbered eleven, as follows: Anna Berg, Reba Bradford, Anna Deisher, Naomi Bright, Helen Heffner, Paul Hertz, Luther Hohl, Harold Klein, Florence Reinert, Grace Stoudt, Celan Weyandt.

In the fall of 1908 the society entered upon the most successful year in its history so far as membership, attendance and interest are concerned, the membership being 88.

The following is a list of the officers and members of the society at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation:

**SENIOR OFFICERS.**—Superintendent, Miss Mary Schoenberger; Assistant Superintendents, Miss Lillian Peter, Mrs. Mabel Hagy and Miss May Miller.

**JUNIOR OFFICERS.**—President, Stanley Sassaman; Vice-President, Rollin Mull; Secretary, Pauline Behlor; Treasurer, Mary Kantner; Pianist, Grace George.

**ACTIVE MEMBERS.**—Edith Berg, Emily Behlor, Edith Heim, Bruce Howden, Stanley Sassaman, Effie Sypherd, Mary Baer, Carrie Youse, Rollin Moll, Beatrice Schappell, Lucy Youse, Laura Kleinspehn, Blanche Brown, Florence Moll, Helen Trump, Paul Deysher, Pauline Behlor, Grace George, Benj. Kershner, Anna Reifsnyder, Lester Sassaman, George Dellet, Earl Rothermel, Russell Gaul, Herbert Miller, Elsie Reitz, Laura McGrath, Anna Frederick, Matilda Long, Emily Hill, Ruth Deysher, Elsie Weyandt, Mabel Lash, Agnes Noll, Miriam Renninger, Annie Bagenstose, Helen Kalbach, Paul Deysher, Earl Stump, Charlie Deysher, Rhea Renninger, Mildred Bowman, Helen Reitz, Ester Adamourtch, Raymond Kalbach, Miles Stump, Lester Deppen, Mary Kantner, Pauline Bagenstose.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.**—Helen Baer, Evelyn Rader, Ingrid Gaul, Elsie Deysher, Emma Book, Kathryn Hollenbach, Mark Taylor, William Hoyer, Ruth Gable, Hilda Bowman, Kathryn Clouser, Margaret Newkirk, Edna Wise, May Weidner, Paul Kalbach, Mabel Kalbach, Frederick Weiser, Russell Moll, Paul Hoyer, Orpha Seypherd, Florence Heck, May Maurer, Martha Romig, Emily Baer, Katharine Taylor, Elton Cleaver, Helen Weidner, Helen Noll, Paul Clouser, Pierce Stump, Carden DeLong, Edna Trump, Roy Gilbert, Elsie Deysher, Arthur Whaler, Ralph Kleinspehn, Ester Kleinspehn, Luther Gable, Annie Schleifenheimer.

### THE MISSION BAND.

The Mission Band of St. Stephen's Reformed Church was organized on Saturday afternoon,

October 4, 1902, in the Christian Endeavor room of the church. Its avowed object is "the cultivation of the missionary spirit and to teach the children to do sewing." A constitution was adopted, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Agnes E. Price; Vice-President, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard; Secretary, Miss Sarah Clark; Treasurer, Mrs. Susan A. Drexel; Organist, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard. The children were organized into classes.

At the second meeting, October 11, 1902, Mrs. Emma C. Gerhard resigned as vice-president and organist, when Mrs. Sarah Shartle was elected to the former office and Mrs. Susan A. Drexel to the latter. At the meeting on October 25, 1902, when roll-call was first instituted, seventy-one were present, including the officers and helpers.

At the meeting held February 7, 1903, Miss Sarah Clark resigned as secretary, and Mrs. Emma Derr was elected to the office, and has faithfully served in that capacity ever since.

At the election held September 9, 1903, the former officers were reelected, with the exception of treasurer and organist. Miss Mary Reber was elected treasurer, and has continued in

that office ever since. The following week, September 12, 1903, Mrs. Annie M. Barto was elected organist, and has done good service in directing the singing since that time.

At the next election, September 24, 1904, the officers were all reelected, except the vice-president, to which office Mrs. Lucy E. Hughes was duly elected.

On September 10, 1905, the former officers were all reelected. The office of second vice-president was created, and was filled by the election of Mrs. Catharine Logan.

On January 5, 1906, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lucy E. Hughes; First Vice-President, Mrs. Catharine Logan; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Emma Palm; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Derr; Treasurer, Miss Mary Reber; Organist, Mrs. Annie Barto. Mrs. Agnes E. Price, who had been president since the organization of the Mission Band, declined to be a candidate for reelection, being about to transfer her membership to another congregation.

The beginning of the year's work on October 5, 1907, was very auspicious. Eighty-two were present at the opening meeting—eight of-



ficers and teachers and seventy-four children. Three weeks later, October 26, 1907, the attendance was one hundred and one, and on November 9, 1907, one hundred and seven.

At the meeting on January 4, 1908, the officers were reelected, except the first vice-president, to which office Mrs. Minnie M. Mooney was elected. The office of assistant organist was created, and Miss Marian Klein was elected to fill the office. On March 21, 1908, Mrs. Emma Palm resigned as second vice-president, and was succeeded by the election of Mrs. Mary J. Shultz.

At the opening meeting on October 3, 1908, one hundred and thirty-one were present, being the largest attendance in the history of the Mission Band. The meetings throughout this year were unusually well attended.

On January 23, 1909, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lucy E. Hughes; First Vice-President, Mrs. Minnie M. Mooney; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Emma Bowman; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Derr; Treasurer, Miss Mary Reber; Organist, Mrs. Annie M. Barto; Assistant Organist, Miss Grace George.

The meetings of the Mission Band, with very few exceptions, have been regularly held

every Saturday afternoon during the year, with a vacation during three or four of the summer months. The children are taught to do plain and fancy sewing, to sing, and are given missionary information from time to time.

During this period of six and a half years a number of interesting and profitable socials and entertainments have been held. An annual feature is the bazaar and entertainment, usually held a short time before the summer recess. These entertainments have always been well attended and greatly enjoyed, and the bazaar, where articles made by members of the Mission Band are offered for sale, has been well patronized. At the one held April 25, 1907, the receipts were \$38.20, and the following year, May 12, 1908, they were \$31.44.

Among the socials that were held was a Martha Washington Tea in 1905; a Penny Social, December 2, 1905; a Valentine Social, February 24, 1906; an Easter Egg Social, April 21, 1906; a Penny Social, December 8, 1906; and a One-to-six-cent Social, January 28, 1909. At most of these socials neat sums of money were realized, though several of them were held merely for the enjoyment of the children.

A Mission Band Rally was held in Faith Reformed Church, Reading, Pa., March 21, 1908, at which seventy-five dolls were presented to Miss Sadie Lea Weidner for the children of Japan. Our Mission Band was represented by seventy members, who attended in a body, and who donated twelve of the dolls that were given Miss Weidner.

The Mission Band has been represented by two delegates at all the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Society of Reading Classis, and has contributed over \$100 to the support of the work undertaken by that society; and has helped to support a trained nurse in China and made other benevolent contributions.

The Mission Band has also contributed liberally toward the annual Easter offering of the congregation, as follows: 1903, \$10; 1904, \$15; 1905, \$25; 1906, \$50; 1907, \$38; 1908, \$40; 1909, \$50; a total of \$228.

The total amount of money raised for all purposes by the Mission Band is considerably over \$500.

The following is a list of the officers and members of the Mission Band at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation:

OFFICERS.—President, Mrs. Lucy Hughes; First Vice-President, Mrs. Minnie Mooney; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Emma Bowman; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Derr; Treasurer, Miss Mary Reber; Organist, Mrs. Annie Barto; Assistant Organist, Grace George.

TEACHERS.—Mrs. Annie Barto, Mrs. Minnie Mooney, Mrs. Cora Behlor, Mrs. Alice Winkelman, Lizzie Mease, Ruth Printz, Grace George, Mrs. Emma Bowman, Mrs. Rose Borrell, Mrs. Sallie Baer, Mary Reber, Mabel Printz, Pauline Behlor, Miriam Collier, Clarence Beck.

MEMBERS.—Evelyn Raider, Sadie Buck, Agnes Noll, Emily Baer, Kathryn Hollenbach, Helen Weidner, Erma Davis, Dorothy Martin, Ethel Hoffman, Dora Lorah, Mary Lerch, Orpha Seypherd, Irene Heyberger, Laura Strauser, Ruth Kline, Iola Welfly, Ruth Schafer, Effie Sypherd, Violet Roberts, Anna Horning, Mamie Nistle, Ruth Wanner, Sarah Saylor, Ollie Kalbach, Elsie Keiby, Edna Muntz, Beatrice Shappel, Marie Pauley, Rosie Clouser, Elsie Deisher, Lula Hartman, Helen Reitz, LeElda Machemer, Ingrid Graul, Eva Fry, Florence Rehrer, Ruth Gable, Anna Davis, Cathrine Nagle, Mary Mull, Edith Haines, Emma Clouser, Anna Body, Helen Baer, Helen Boyer, Viola Waid, Beulah Masteller, Anna Frederick, Henrietta Machemer, Pearl Baum, Helen Heffelfinger, Naomi Printz, Ethel Hoffman, Catharine Borrell, Ruth Rothermel, Martha Romig, Esther Klinespehn, Emily Behlor, Bertha Nistle, Erma Hoffman, Ruth Deisher, Ethel Fry, Lillian Martin, Elsie Reitz, Laura McGrath, Gertrude Reifsnyder, Mildred Bowman, Leah Moodhard, Esther Fick, Hilda Bowman, Catharine Rothermel, Mildred Dethoff, Ruth Moyer, Sarah Herbein, Margaret McCloud, Catharine Jesberg, Kathryne Clauser, Elsie Printz, Helen Kalbach, Pauline Bagenstose, Beulah Hartman, Mabel Kalbach, Catharine Gabel, Grace Machmer, Arthur Weidner, Louis Wanner, Fern Stump, Lester Deppen, Carden DeLong, Arthur Sonen, Calvin Booser, Clement

Masteller, Paul Clauser, C. Hoffman, May Weidner, Laura Klinspehn, Blanche Brown, Mary Baer, Edna Wise, Catherine Tailor, Dorothy Dethoff, Ruth Saylor, Catharine Miller, Mark Tailor, Ruth Frederick, Margaret Suiter, Mary Dickert, Sarah Boyer, Annie Bagenstose, Ida Jesberg, Eda Buck, Mabel Gift, Rhea Helder, Clarence Schaffer, Daniel Heyberger, William Moyer, Pierce Stump, Paul Hoyer, Steward Sonen, Earl Rothermel, Earl Stump, John Moll, Arthur Lerch, Elton Cleaver, Ruel Kalbach.

### THE USHERS' ASSOCIATION.

On the evening of March 11, 1903, the following young men of our congregation met the consistory to present plans for an organization of young men to look after the ushering at the church services: A. Cameron Lance, Bright R. Sonen, Harvey V. Sheetz, Wm. J. Lowe, John D. Heck, Benjamin Zweitzig, Stewart E. Printz and William Percy Kershner.

Dr. C. S. Gerhard had written the following article on "The Ushers" in the "Annual Visitor" for 1898:

"There is hardly an official position of greater importance in the church than that of the usher. If the stranger meets with a cold and indifferent look, if he is shown to a seat in a perfunctory way, it will take an especially good sermon to disabuse him of the idea that the church is cold and unsocial. If he is received at the door with a pleasant smile, a warm grasp of the hand, and is shown to a seat as though he were a personal friend, he will very likely come to that church again. The usher



has the advantage over the minister in getting at the heart of the stranger first. All sorts of people come to church. A good many of them want the best seats, little caring whether their neighbors are well seated or not. A successful usher is one who can find a seat for the querulous late-comer in a crowded house, and make up to his guest in good-natured politeness what the seat may happen to lack in comfort and convenience. It has come to us from many quarters that strangers like to attend our church because they are so pleasantly received, and are made to feel at home."

The first regular meeting of what became the Ushers' Association was held on Tuesday evening, March 17, 1903. Benjamin Zweitzig was temporary chairman. The following officers were elected: President, William J. Lowe; Vice-President, Bright R. Sonen; Secretary, W. Percy Kershner; Treasurer, Harvey V. Sheetz. The following were appointed a committee to draft a constitution: Bright R. Sonen, Harvey V. Sheetz and John D. Heck. Bright R. Sonen resigned as vice-president October 6, 1903, and was succeeded by Benjamin Zweitzig.

At the meeting held December 15, 1903, the constitution was adopted and sent to the consistory for approval. The final adoption of the constitution was made on January 17, 1905. It is an excellent instrument, and has been taken

as a model by most of the Ushers' Associations of the city and by a number outside of the city.

On January 19, 1904, the officers were re-elected with the exception of treasurer, to which office John D. Heck was elected. These were all reelected January 17, 1905, except the secretary, which office was filled by the election of William A. Clauser.

During the fall and winter of 1904-1905 the association gave a series of lectures on practical subjects, as follows: September 27, 1904, "The Teeth," by W. D. DeLong, D. D. S.; October 25, 1904, "The Boy Problem," by Mr. Wm. McCormick, editor of "The Reading Herald"; December 20, 1904, "Good Citizenship," by Geo. W. Wagner, esq., District Attorney of Berks county; February 14, 1905, "The Eyes," by F. W. Frankhauser, M. D.; May 9, 1905, "Success," by Rev. H. Y. Stoner, Principal of Inter-state Commercial College.

The following year, 1905-1906, was a very active one in the history of the association. A male chorus was organized under the leadership of Dr. W. D. DeLong. Physical culture classes were conducted by John M. Folmer. A base ball team was organized and played a num-

ber of successful games. A picnic was held at Kirbyville, near Blandon, on Memorial Day, May 30, 1906, which was a most successful and delightful social affair. A monogram was adopted, and "green and gold" were selected as the colors of the association. At this time the association numbered 81 members. Several musical and literary programs were rendered at the regular meetings, and two public entertainments were given on October 24, 1905, and November 21, 1905, which were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

The election for officers on December 19, 1905, resulted as follows: President, William J. Lowe; Vice-President, Edwin H. Mabry; Secretary, Charles A. Frederick; Treasurer, John D. Heck. The following were elected chairmen of the standing committees: Music, Charles A. Frederick; athletic, John M. Folmer; program, Walter C. Clark; lookout, John D. Heck; social, Leon E. Altenderfer.

At a meeting of the association held at Mineral Springs Park, July 10, 1906, it was resolved to publish a monthly paper to be known as "St. Stephen's Bulletin." The first number was called "Introductory Number." Beginning

with October, 1906, the paper was regularly issued every month until September, 1908. The October number was omitted, after which the paper was continued regularly until February, 1909, when it was discontinued for want of financial support. It was a neat and newsy four-page paper, and was greatly appreciated by some of the members of the congregation, and there are many who regret its discontinuance.

At the annual election for officers, September 25, 1906, the following were chosen: President, William J. Lowe; Vice-President, Ralph S. Dunkleberger; Secretary, Leon E. Altenderfer; Treasurer, Lawrence C. Bright. The following chairmen of committees were elected: Male chorus, Charles A. Frederick; athletic, John M. Folmer; program, Edwin H. Mabry; lookout, Harry F. Sonen; social, Wilmert Evans; editor of "Bulletin," John D. Heck; sub-editor, Lawrence C. Bright.

A prayer circle was organized by the association to engage in prayer for fifteen minutes every Sunday morning before church services. On October 23, 1906, John D. Heck was elected chairman of the prayer circle.

The association held a reunion and banquet on October 19, 1906, which was a most delightful affair. The male chorus and an orchestra, which had recently been organized under the leadership of Herbert DeTurk, furnished the music. A number of interesting toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

On November 19, 1906, A. A. Simon, jr., was elected leader of the male chorus and Leon C. Darrah chairman of the subscription committee.

An interesting musical and literary program was rendered on November 19, 1906, and another on January 15, 1907. An in-door picnic was held February 2, 1907. On February 12, 1907, the association gave an entertainment for the Ladies' Aid Society in connection with their Fastnacht Supper, for which the association received \$5.00. On April 6, 1907, a variety supper was held for the benefit of the base ball team. The team secured new uniforms, to be used during the summer season.

The fourth anniversary of the association was observed by attending church services in a body on Sunday evening, April 14, 1907, when the pastor preached a special sermon on "The



Church and Young Men." The text was 1 John 2: 14, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one." At this time the association had 120 members.

On May 7, 1907, Henry M. Folmer was elected chairman of the subscription committee in place of Leon C. Darrah, who had resigned, and Rayman W. Reeser was elected chairman of the umbrella-checking committee. After long deliberation and negotiation with the consistory an umbrella-checking system was installed in the closet in the rear of the church. Pockets were put up for the reception of the umbrellas which are checked by the committee appointed for the purpose and returned to the worshippers at the close of the church services. This system meets a long-felt want and is highly appreciated by all who have used it.

Another successful picnic was held at Kirbyville, May 30, 1907, attended by about 80 persons.

At the meeting on June 4, 1907, the association adopted as its motto "For the Welfare of St. Stephen's."

At the annual election held September 24, 1907, the following officers and chairmen of committees were elected: President, Ralph S. Dunkleberger; Vice-President, Clarence H. Beck; Secretary, William J. Lowe; Treasurer, Rayman W. Reeser; leader of Prayer Circle, Milton J. Coller; leader of Male Chorus, A. A. Simon, jr.; director of Male Chorus, J. Wilson Klein; editor of "Bulletin," William J. Lowe; sub-editor, Ralph S. Dunkleberger; lookout committee, A. A. Simon, jr.; social, Harry F. Sonen; program, Charles A. Frederick; athletic, John M. Folmer; "Bulletin" subscription, Clarence H. Beck; umbrella-checking, Rayman W. Reeser.

The second reunion and banquet of the association was held on Friday evening, October 25, 1907, in which about fifty members participated. On this occasion William J. Lowe was presented with a silver loving-cup in recognition of his services as President for more than four years. Several appropriate toasts were given, which were well received.

On March 10, 1908, Lawrence Bright was elected chairman of the music committee and Leon Darrah chairman of the lookout commit-

tee, both positions having become vacant by the resignation of A. A. Simon, jr., from the society. On June 2, 1908, Charles B. F. Deppen was elected chairman of the Prayer Circle, to take the place of Milton J. Coller, who departed this life May 26, 1908. On June 30, 1908, John D. Heck was elected chairman of the "Bulletin" subscription committee, in place of Clarence H. Beck.

On May 3, 1908, the fifth anniversary of the association was observed by attending the evening church services in a body, when the pastor preached a special sermon on "The Visions of Young Men," based on Acts 2: 17, "Your young men shall see visions." The Male Chorus took the place of the choir and rendered an excellent selection entitled "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The third annual banquet of the association was held on Thursday evening, October 29, 1908.

At the election of officers in the fall of 1908 the following were chosen: President, Ralph S. Dunkleberger; Vice-President, John M. Folmer; Secretary, William J. Lowe; Treasurer, John D. Heck; editor of "Bulletin," William

J. Lowe ; sub-editor, Ralph S. Dunkleberger ; chairman Prayer Circle, Charles B. F. Deppen ; lookout committee, Harvey Fassnacht ; music, Lawrence Bright ; "Bulletin" subscription, Harvey Fassnacht ; umbrella-checking, Henry M. Folmer ; social, Clarence H. Beck ; program, S. P. Faust ; athletic, John M. Folmer.

The association has rendered valuable service to the congregation by faithfully attending to the ushering at all the services, has presented a number of hymn books and fans, has conducted the umbrella-checking system, has contributed to the Easter offerings, and has helped to add to the sociability and enjoyment of the members and friends of the congregation.

The following is a list of the officers and members at the time of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation :

OFFICERS.—President, Ralph S. Dunkleberger ; Vice-President, John M. Folmer ; Secretary, Wm. J. Lowe ; Treasurer, John D. Heck ; Editor of "Bulletin," Wm. J. Lowe ; Sub-editor of "Bulletin," Ralph S. Dunkleberger.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.—John Hiester, Wm. Clouser, Lawrence Bright, Charles Stitzer, Wilmert Evans, Ralph Dunkleberger, John Heck, John Folmer, William Hiester, Milton Matten, Herman Zimmerman, Charles Haag, Albert Schoenberger, Luther Wrentzel, Dr. W. D. DeLong, Dr. J. K. Seaman, Frank Sassaman, Harvey Fassnacht, Harvey Bush, Earl Jackson, Clarence Beck, Rayman

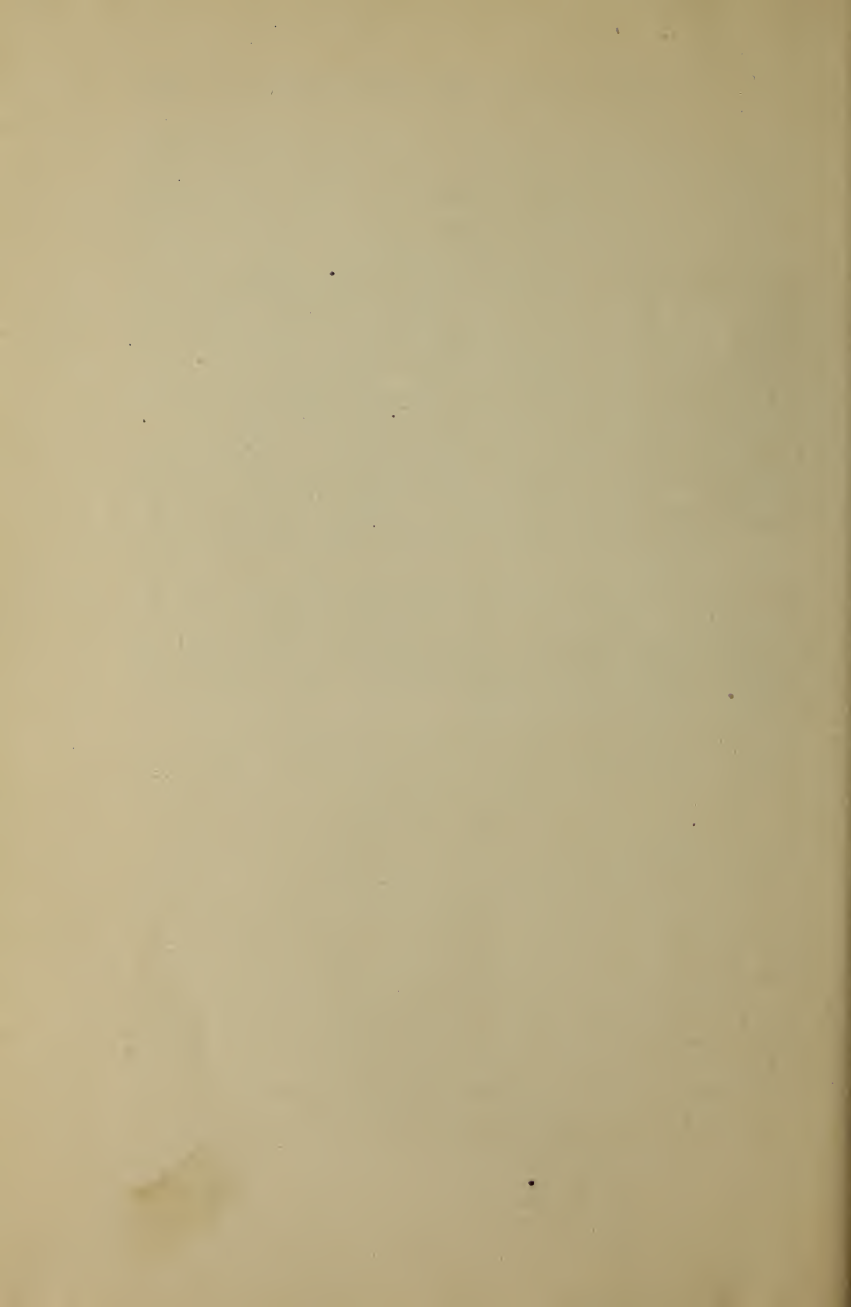
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HONORARY ACTIVE.—Bright R. Sonen, Clarence DeLong, A. Cameron Lance, Harvey Zimmerman, Stewart Printz, Charles Matten, Nevin H. Carl, W. Percy Kershner, Benjamin Zweitzig, Fred. Krauss, Walter Clark, Leon Darrah.

HONORARY.—J. Wilson Klein, Lemon Hertz, Wm. K. Bridegam, A. M. Weyandt, Thomas Z. Bright.

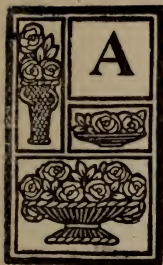
ASSOCIATE.—Howard Stepp, Joseph Leber, Charles Monk, Samuel Haller, Harry Harbach, Wilford Schappell, Diller Haller, Charles Snell.





## CHAPTER XVII

### STATISTICS



**A** GREAT many statistics of the congregation and its various organizations are found in the body of the book, and it will not be necessary to repeat them here. It will, however, be of interest and value to have before us in tabulated form those statistics which show the numerical growth of the congregation and Sunday School, as well as the losses sustained, and an account of the financial affairs of the congregation.

The following table furnishes the congregational statistics for the first twenty-five years of our history. They show that the congregation grew from a mission with fifty-seven charter members to one of the foremost congregations in our city with a membership of almost twelve hundred.

During these twenty-five years almost two thousand persons have been identified with the congregation, while the losses sustained during this period aggregate almost nine hundred.

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These congregational statistics are taken from the official reports submitted annually to the Classes with which the congregation has been identified.

Year	Members	Baptisms	Confirmed	By Certificate and Repression	Diamissals	Names Erased	Deaths	Members of Sunday School	Contributions for Benevolence	Contributions for Congregational Purposes
1884	93	6	16	77	0	0	1	230	\$ 9	\$
1885	124	14	6	28	3	0	0	311	31	675
1886	183	27	18	52	4	6	2	350	67	1,175
1887	234	37	29	28	1	5	4	400	99	1,008
1888	292	34	30	47	3	12	6	518	289	2,326
1889	321	24	28	39	14	15	3	575	322	1,276
1890	401	46	50	48	7	8	7	663	207	2,773
1891	451	33	35	45	19	10	8	623	210	2,278
1892	492	35	39	20	9	8	8	671	240	2,600
1893	528	42	29	37	13	13	3	682	658	1,750
1894	574	32	26	45	8	10	7	643	900	1,860
1895	573	27	25	35	12	47	9	650	400	1,800
1896	600	29	40	21	11	20	3	700	400	2,216
1897	652	33	33	62	18	20	7	738	475	2,525
1898	665	28	31	21	15	18	10	769	460	6,641
1899	679	32	26	16	3	19	9	770	400	9,306
1900	702	32	36	45	16	37	11	800	425	11,517
1901	723	31	27	34	15	9	13	838	430	6,500
1902	752	24	44	32	15	17	16	860	996	5,383
1903	835	32	48	50	8	0	12	866	678	3,597
1904	914	54	52	53	7	9	13	965	618	6,113
1905	1012	58	45	80	5	18	17	1110	775	6,969
1906	1078	84	69	38	6	23	26	1249	916	5,872
1907	1128	67	52	33	16	10	16	1254	1,310	7,099
1908	1152	61	43	34	7	33	21	1262	1,493	5,859
1909	1192	70	29	43	4	14	24	1231	1,173	5,793
Totals	1192	992	900	1063	239	381	256	1231	\$13,981	\$104,851

These Sunday School statistics are as complete as they could be made from the records that were available. A striking feature of the financial statement is the small proportion of the funds used by the school for its own support.

Date	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Totals	CONTRIBUTIONS		
				For Support of School	For other Objects	Total
1883			60	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....
1884			286	.....	.....	.....
1885			347	.....	.....	.....
1886			447	.....	.....	.....
1887			507	.....	.....	.....
1888			592	.....	.....	.....
1889	41	575	616	.....	.....	.....
1890	54	609	663	.....	.....	.....
1891	49	574	623	.....	.....	.....
1892	50	621	671	.....	.....	.....
1893	50	632	682	.....	.....	.....
1894	50	593	643	.....	.....	.....
1895	50	600	650	.....	.....	.....
1896	50	650	700	.....	.....	.....
1897	52	686	738	.....	.....	.....
1898	52	717	769	.....	.....	.....
1899	50	620	670	.....	.....	.....
1900	64	730	794	.....	.....	.....
1901	63	775	838	.....	.....	.....
1902	60	800	860	.....	.....	.....
1903	55	811	866	.....	.....	.....
1904	54	911	965	266	1267	1533
1905	76	1034	1110	277	2022	2299
1906	86	1163	1249	402	1555	1957
1907	111	1143	1254	514	1415	1929
1908	106	1156	1262	132	1246	1378
1909	101	1130	1231	392	1097	1489

In 1888 a special Easter offering was taken by the congregation for the debt fund. This offering became one of the annual features of the congregational life, and developed to immense proportions in the course of time. The following table shows these offerings in detail :

Year	Congregation	Sunday School	Ladies' Aid Society	Missionary Society	C. E. Society	Jr. C. E. Society	Mission Band	Ushers' Association	Catechetical Class	Totals
1888	\$ 109	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 109
1889	106									106
1890	65	62								127
1891	203	526	100							829
1892	421	705	100							1,226
1893	121	237	75							433
1894	106	254	50							410
1895	101	262	50							413
1896	108	342	50							500
1897	147	357	50							554
1898	132	600	50							782
1899	146	612								758
1900	183	1000								1,183
1901	182	962								1,144
1902	223	700	50							973
1903	1024	1017	50							2,091
1904	1028	966	75							2,069
1905	954	1780	300	50	10	5	25	10	94	3,228
1906	750	1443	300	25	10	10	50	10	121	2,719
1907	1963	1132	400	45	10	3	60	10	.....	3,623
1908	1361	854	300	10	5	2	40	10	20	2,602
1909	1571	897	210	30	10	5	50	5	14	2,792
Totals	\$11004	14708	\$2,210	\$160	\$45	\$25	\$225	\$45	\$229	\$28,671



